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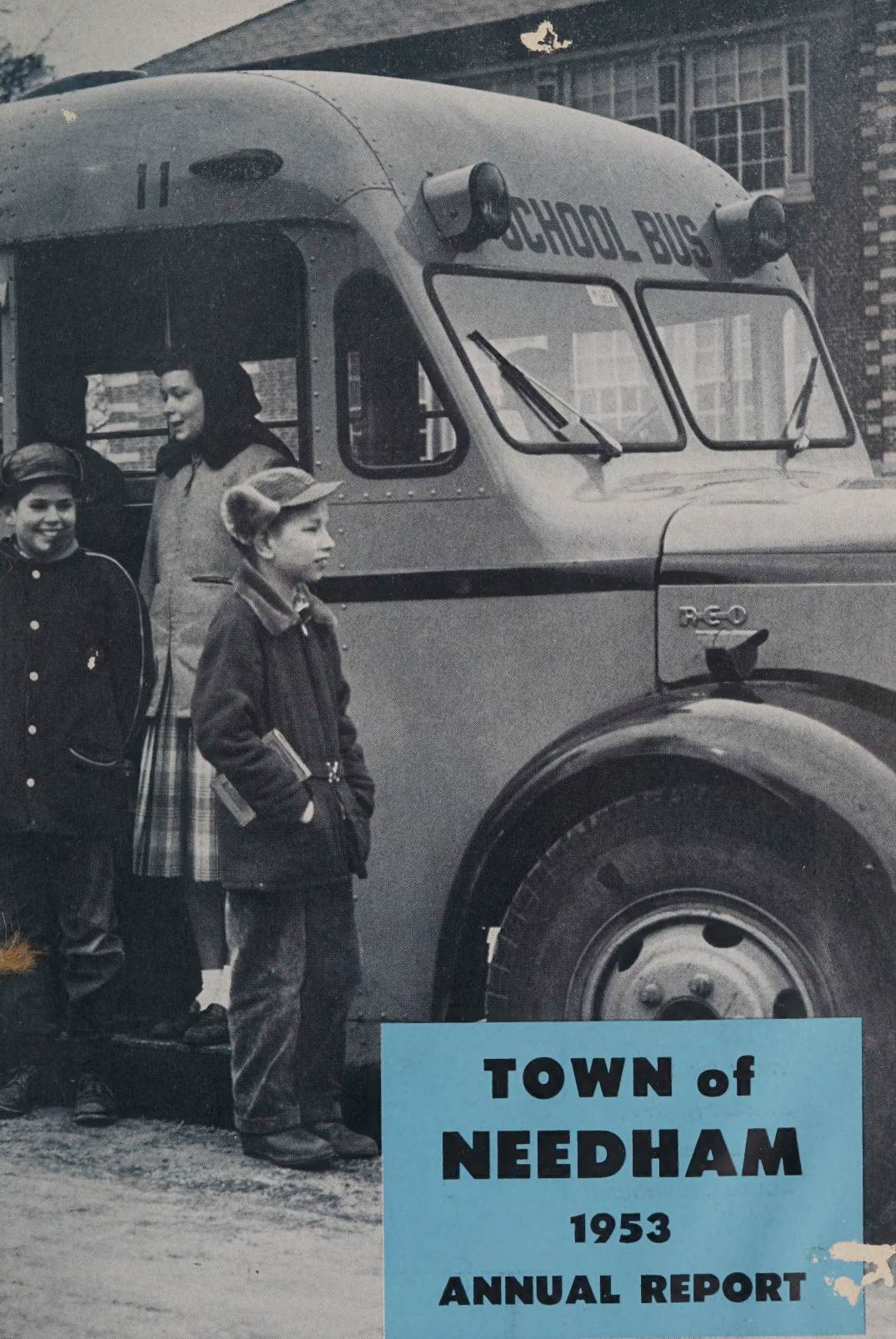

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ANNUAL REPORT

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Town of NEEDHAM

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1953 ANNUAL REPORT

★ *Under direction of your Board of Selectmen a Town Report Committee has endeavored to present in readable form, the essential facts with regard to the activities of your Town Government during the year 1953*

Of General Interest

Needham was incorporated as a Town on November 5, 1711.

Situation: About 10 miles southwest of Boston. Geodetic position of Town Hall: Latitude 42°-16′-51.568″, Longitude 71°-14′-13.048″.

Population: 16,313 (1950 Federal Census).

Area: Approximately 12.75 square miles.

Elevation: 85 feet above sea level at Rosemary Meadows, 180 feet at Needham Square and 300 feet in the Birds Hill section.

Assessed Valuation: $42,976,450.00, Real Estate only—$2,039,915.00, Personal Property Total, $45,016,365.00.

Tax Rate: $46.00.

Town Hall: Built in 1902. Frank J. Dermody, custodian. Phone NEedham 3-1518.

Offices Open Tuesday Evening: Offices of Selectmen, Assessors, Town Clerk and Planning Board.

Probate Court: (for returning cases) Dedham: First, Third and Fifth Wednesdays, except August. Third Wednesday in August. Quincy, Second Wednesday and Fourth Monday of every month, except August. Brookline, Fourth Wednesday of every month, except August.

Senators in Congress: Leverett Saltonstall and John F. Kennedy.

State Senator: Leslie B. Cutler of Needham (Second Norfolk District).

Representative in Congress: Richard B. Wigglesworth of Milton (Thirteenth Congressional District).

Representatives in General Court: Harold Putnam of Needham, Francis A. Harding of Dedham (Sixth Norfolk District).

Member of Governor's Council: Charles J. Gabriel (Second Councillor District).

Qualifications for Registration as Voters: Must be 21 years of age, American born or fully naturalized, and have resided in Massachusetts one year and Needham six months. Registration Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday evenings, at the office of the Town Clerk. Special evening Sessions of Registrars held preceding elections.

Absentee Voting: State, National and Town Elections.

Dog Licenses: All dog licenses expire March 31st. A dog should be licensed when three months old. Fees: Male $2 — Female $5 — Spayed $2.

Tax Bills: Due and payable July 1st. Interest will be added according to law from October 1st on bills unpaid after November 1st. Poll, motor excise and water bills are due thirty days from date of issuance.

Board of Health: Householders shall report to the Board of Health all cases of communicable diseases, unless a physician is in attendance.

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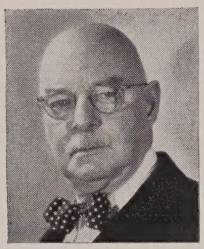
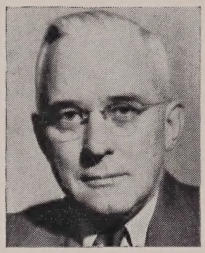
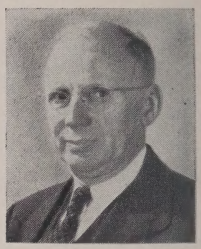
Board of Selectmen







FRANK E. GODFREY, *Chairman*

GEORGE M. POND

EDWARD J. STEWART

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1933	1	$1,521.88	$2,056.27
1941	1	3,705.00	3,969.11
1951	1	3,457.30	3,335.35
1952	1	3,699.40	3,598.15
1953	1	3,624.05	3,574.52

Various additional duties and time-consuming problems confronted the Selectmen during 1953. Forty-eight regular meetings were held as well as many informal conferences and meetings. Appointments were kept with hundreds of individuals and groups, and many public hearings were held.

During the first half of 1953 there was much controversy regarding the proposed routing of the East-West Toll Highway through the Town, and meetings were held with representatives from Brookline, Newton, Wellesley, Natick, Framingham, Watertown, Weston, Wayland, Dover, Sherborn and Needham for the purpose of uniting to prevent the construction of a toll road through these communities. It was the conviction of the Selectmen that such a highway through the Town would be a severe blow to the community not only from the tax revenue loss resulting from land takings for actual construction, but that it would impair the value of adjacent lands. Because of this a committee for the Preservation of Needham was established to formulate plans to prevent construction of such highways through the Town.

The Broadmeadow School was completed during the year 1953, and was officially opened on October 6, 1953. Bids were advertised for and construction started on the $2,000,000 addition to the Senior High School. Also, construction was started on the addition to the High Rock School, as voted by the Town at the Special Town Meeting in June, 1953. Building permits issued in 1953 totalled $7,967,953 in estimated value.

TOWN HALL AND GROUNDS

A much needed improvement to the Town Hall was the installation of a modern vault in the Assessor's office to replace the old, greatly over-crowded vault containing many valuable records. Another improvement, in the basement of the Town Hall, was the installation of a partition on the westerly side of the Inspection Department office, from the outside door to the center corridor, making a passageway through which the engineers may enter and leave the building without passing directly through the Inspection Department office.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

With the continued growth of the Town it was necessary to expand the personnel of the Engineering Department to cope with the ever-increasing demand for plans and data necessary for the construction of sewers, streets, watermains, and other projects, such as the New England Industrial Center, officially opened in June, by Cabot, Cabot & Forbes, Inc.

The major sewer contract let this year was in the Fuller Brook area where all mains have been installed and the sewage station on Great Plain Avenue has been completed. The Alden Road ejector station is near completion and will be in service early in 1954. Permission has been obtained from the State Public Works Department to install a sewer to serve the easterly side of Birds Hill and Carleeta Park. Such installation will be within the new re-location of Route 128 and will be carried on in conjunction with the State contract for building the highway. When this new main sewer is completed there will be still another million dollars worth of sewers to be installed.

Drain construction in the Town has been at an all-time high, and will continue to be a problem to the Town.

There are now 91½ miles of streets open to the public in the Town compared to approximately 80 miles two years ago. With the completion of Route 128, and the elimination of those roads now available for getting onto Route 128, new problems will be created because of the increased traffic on Great Plain Avenue and Highland Avenue.

Water Department facilities have been taxed to the limit to meet demands of consumers in supplying water and also requests for extensions of water mains and house services in both new homes and industrial areas. Studies are being made to determine which plan the Town should pursue in development of its future water supply, and until a supplementary supply of water is obtained, the use of water for sprinkling lawns must be curtailed.

GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Because it had been necessary for doctors on the staff of the Glover Memorial Hospital to send their patients elsewhere, the Selectmen, at the Special Town Meeting in November, 1953, recommended that the Town make an appropriation for the purpose of opening the lower floor of the hospital as of January 1, 1954, on a trial basis, and it was so voted.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This department acquired a handy man station wagon during 1953 which has proved to be very adaptable as an auxiliary ambulance and cruiser. Two new patrolmen were appointed to the department. The Selectmen are recommending that five women be appointed to serve as police officers to direct traffic at crossings during school hours, beginning in September, 1954; also that three new patrolmen and one sergeant be appointed as of July, 1954, bringing the total regular patrolmen in the department to 32.

FIRE

A new brush fire truck was delivered to this Department the latter part of 1953. Although in former years the Selectmen have not approved the acquisition of an additional ladder truck, as requested by the Fire Chief, it is favored this year because of the great increase in the number of homes and the fact that the other truck is now 12 years old. Also, it is possible for one man to operate the ladder on a truck of this type thus fully utilizing the department's manpower.

CIVIL DEFENSE

The resignation of Ralph T. Woodcock as Civil Defense Director necessitated the appointment of a new Director. In March, Lt. Col. Frank F. Flagel, Retired U.S.A., accepted this appointment and has shown great interest and ability in organizing this Department. Following a seven-community practice air-raid alert, a spectacular drill and demonstration, including these seven communities, was staged on November 15, 1953. This incident was made possible through the efforts of our local director, and the Board wishes to extend their thanks to Col. Flagel, on behalf of the Town, for this commendable program. The Town also is indebted to all who have voluntarily contributed of their time and ability in the various divisions of Civil Defense. There is still an urgent need for volunteers, particularly in the Warden Division, and the Board urges all the citizens of the Town to support this vital program.

INSURANCE

All Town properties were valued and appraised by an independent appraiser for insurance purposes. During the year the Board has continued its efforts to reduce our accident frequency and to eliminate all hazards from town risks. It is with satisfaction that we can report our workmen's compensation losses have been substantially reduced. We again request all town departments to be safety conscious during the coming years.

TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE

A committee is appointed each year by the Selectmen to compile material from all Town Departments, plus other interesting data of the Town, into a Town Report which will attract public interest and furnish the reader with answers to questions he may have regarding his Town government. The Town is grateful to the following members of the Town Report Committee of 1953: Fritz A. Ohrn, Chairman; Mrs. Ralph G. Adams, Robert W. Cherry, Sidney A. Dimond, Mrs. E. Y. W. Dunn, Putnam Johnson, George H. Krech, Walter Masson, Raymond Pardy, John Wallace and Kenneth W. Webb.

The custom of presenting to you, pictorially, the Department Heads of your Town is continued this year in the thumbnail prints with each Departmental Report. In each case, unless otherwise noted, the Head of the Department or the Chairman of the Committee involved is shown.

This year, statistics of twenty years ago (1933) and the year prior to our entry in World War II (1941) are included with current figures. It is intended, thereby, to portray graphically the growth of our Town and the spiralling costs of operation.

Town Clerk

MARIAN S. PETERSON, *Town Clerk*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1933	2	$2,274.29	$2,273.88
1941	2	2,967.00	3,700.00
1951	2	6,791.22	6,745.21
1952	2	7,487.50	7,460.97
1953	2	7,950.00	7,737.00

Activity in this office during 1953 was lighter than that experienced during the high point of national elections in 1952. However, Needham's rapid expansion means that the general functions of the Town Clerk's office are broadening annually. Looking back 20 years to 1933 and then to 1941, the last year before the war, provides some interesting comparisons.

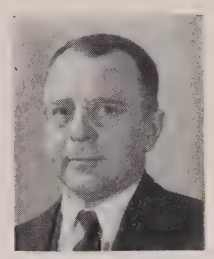
	1933	1941	1951	1952	1953
Births	178	239	574	610	697
Marriages	97	204	222	204	237
Deaths	141	137	180	187	179
Dog License Fees	$2,358	$2,953	$3,711	$3,944	$4,097
Fish & Game License Fees	$ 664	$1,094	$2,106	$3,180*	$3,049
Chattel Mortgages Recorded	124	218	372	359	428
Special Town Meetings Held	2	1	3	2	2
Number of Articles in Warrant for Annual Town Meeting	41	74	77	137	77
Various fees turned in to Town Treasurer (including Dog and Fish & Game license fees)	**	$ 17**	$3,160	$3,263	$3,684

*Price of Fish & Game licenses increased on January 1, 1952.
**Town Clerk who was put on a straight salary basis in 1946, previously retained license fees.

Requests for general information are numerous from both old and new residents. They are particularly noticeable from our newer people who are, perhaps, living in a Massachusetts town for the first time and do not understand how our town government functions. The Town Clerk's office is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Law Department

HENRY W. HARDY, *Town Counsel*



	Budget	Expenditures
1933	$1,700.00	$1,996.09
1941	1,850.00	2,084.91
1951	3,806.31	3,756.31
1952	5,066.00	4,382.86
1953	4,650.00	4,193.82

The year 1953 has been marked by increased activity in the Town's law department.

The acquisition of land and easements over land for school and recreational purposes has required the examination of numerous land titles, negotiations for purchase and in several instances, the preparation of orders of taking by eminent domain.

The Town Counsel has assisted in making collections for Glover Memorial Hospital and in obtaining reimbursements for the Public Welfare Department. In one instance, the new Uniform Enforcement of Support Act was invoked and the Town collected reimbursement from a resident of New Jersey.

A natural consequence of the increasing number of applications to the Town's Board of Appeals for variances and special permits has been an increase in the number of appeals to the Superior Court. The Town Counsel represents the Board of Appeals in such cases.

A decision of the Supreme Judicial Court in the case of Needham v. Winslow Nurseries, Inc., coming down in the spring, defined the activities in which a nursery or greenhouse located in a single residence district may properly engage.

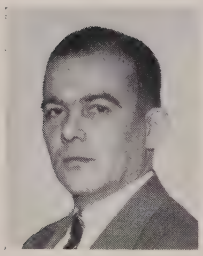
The Town Counsel represented the Town in extended hearings in the Superior Court on a sand and gravel case involving the operations of Charles J. Newell and Home Planners, Inc. on Ardmore Street.

As is customary, the Town Counsel has attended the meetings of the Selectmen, assisted in the preparation of the warrants and motions for the Annual Town Meeting and for two special town meetings, has rendered opinions to various Town officers, departments, boards and committees, and has prepared various legal documents for the Town.

At the year-end, there are pending in court three accident cases against the Town, three appeals from the Board of Appeals (one on a filling station on Highland Avenue, near the Newton line, one in which the Planning Board has appealed the granting of a variance to the City of Newton for the removal of sand and gravel from the Newton water land, one involving the location of a private garage), three petitions for damages in eminent domain proceedings (Gherin-Ghelli, Trustee, Moffatt and Baldelli) and one petition for a declaratory judgment involving the Tresca Bros. sand and gravel operations.

Planning Board

Robert L. Woodbury, *Chairman*
Edward I. Bower
S. Stephen Chapman
Irving H. Cowdrey
George M. Wile



	Part-Time Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1933	1	$ 150.00	$ 76.19
1941	1	340.00	339.00
1951	1	2,230.00	2,019.45
1952	1	4,020.00	2,959.68
1953	1	3,345.00	2,476.63

The Planning Board looks back to 1953 as one of its most active years. The Board held 51 weekly meetings, 3 special meetings and 25 advertised public hearings. Twenty-four street profiles were approved; 14 subdivisions were approved and 1 disapproved; 2 street names were changed; 1 private way abandoned; and 90 appointments were held for advice to citizens.

The Board was pleased to see long range plans of past years for the New England Industrial Center culminating in a model industrial development. Completion of the roads, sewers, and railroad and the erection of several buildings highlight this project. Official opening of this center and the occupancy of the first completed building by R. H. White Corp., are 1953 milestones in Needham's Planning Board history.

Several other events of the past year presented problems which are difficult to solve. Chief among these was the final land-taking and beginning of construction of the new Circumferential Highway (Route 128). This created an immediate hardship for many businesses and residents in the area which the Planning Board is attempting to alleviate. Several requests for rezoning were necessitated by this highway and were brought before Special Town Meetings.

Under active consideration at this time is the effect of this highway upon the whole Town as well as upon the areas immediately adjacent to the two main access points at Great Plain and Highland Avenues. It is believed that traffic and rezoning problems will occur particularly in these access regions as well as throughout Needham as a result of the re-routing of traffic through the town.

This year the Planning Board's activities have been intensified and more rigidly defined by the new Subdivision Control Law which was enacted by the General Court of the Commonwealth in July. This was the second major revision of the planning and subdivision legislation since the original enactment in 1936. This law makes it imperative that the Planning Board review all plans for changes in any plats in the Town, whether they be located on approved or non-approved streets. This has markedly increased the work and duties of the Board.

The Planning Board considers the Town has reached a cross-road in its development. Since 1945 Needham has experienced a continuous increase in the number of residences and subdivisions, particularly in the lower priced field. Full impact of such rapid growth of small homes is now being felt. The resultant drain upon the school, water, fire and police protection, public work facilities and other Town agencies has endangered the tax-rate of Needham.

To help curb the drain upon such facilities, the Board is attempting to initiate immediate re-zoning changes in several residential areas of the Town. It is recommending, for Town Meeting action, the establishment of a new Zone C in the northerly portion of Needham which will increase the lot sizes required therein to 20,000 square feet with 100 foot frontage. It is hoped the Town will support this increase and will thereby help preserve Needham's rural nature, one of its greatest assets.

Also recommended by the Board is an extension of acre zoning along the Charles River between Dedham and Greendale Avenues and South Street. This will help to preserve the present developmental trends along the river as well as to protect its natural beauty.

The Planning Board has cooperated with the Charles River Lands Committee to study the whole area of the Charles River Valley to determine how best to preserve this natural resource. In addition to planning in this area, it attempted to preserve the Newton Water Lands by appealing to the Superior Court a decision of the Needham Board of Appeals which granted Newton the right to remove gravel for sale from this area. The Planning Board, by this action, sought to protect the best interests of Needham in preserving this area as park and water land. Removal of any gravel from this area will not only depreciate the value of the land and destroy its natural beauty, but it will also lose forever the gravel which is needed for the logical development of the water-lands since much of the area is now swampy.

It has prepared an analysis of town finances for the last 5 years and is now preparing a new zoning map for the Town.

The Board has not had the necessary time to devote to long range planning because of the large number of subdivisions and emergency conditions in the Town. It has attempted, however, to do all in its power to initiate action to protect remaining undeveloped areas, to curb too rapid expansion, and to make some effort to study the effect of the new Route 128 upon the future of the Town. While long range plans for Needham are currently difficult to make because of major changes occurring in many areas, particularly along the Circumferential Highway, the Board is now attempting to project itself further into the future by investigating the full impact of such changes upon Needham. It is therefore asking the Town to support a part-time professional planner to assist in its surveys and to help with certain specific aspects of town planning which can best be done by a professional.

Board of Registrars

Francis J. Donahue, *Chairman*
Harold S. Loudon Mary E. Fitzgerald
Marian S. Peterson, *Ex-Officio*

	Employees Perm.	Part Time	Budget	Expenditures
1933	—	4	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,035.35
1941	—	4	1,470.00	1,476.24
1951	1	3	7,975.00	7,528.39
1952	1	3	12,619.02	12,521.03
1953	1	3	9,084.62	8,825.23

With the removal of 641 names from the voting lists for reasons required by law the voting lists have declined from a record high of 11.154 for the national election in 1952 to 10,595 when the Voting List was published in August. These voters are distributed as follows: Precinct 1—1,528; Precinct 2—1,711; Precinct 3—1,791; Precinct 4—1,838; Precinct 5—1,889; Precinct 6—1,838.

1953 witnessed only the annual town election. Three elections will be held in 1954; the annual town election in March, the state primary in September and the gubernatorial election in November.

Evening sessions for the registering of voters will be conducted at locations convenient to each precinct previous to all elections. The dates will be published in the newspapers and on placards posted in various store windows. The Town Clerk's office is open daily, Monday through Friday, for the registering of new voters, also on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. It is necessary for all naturalized citizens to bring their naturalization papers with them when presenting themselves to register to vote.

Attention is called to the fact that the law has now been liberalized to permit the registering of physically incapacitated individuals in their own homes. Such a person may be registered at home by presenting a certificate signed by a physician, hospital superintendent, attending registered nurse (including a Visiting Nurse), or a Christian Science Practitioner to the effect that such a person is disabled. These forms may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office.

For many years Needham voters have enjoyed the privilege of absentee voting in Town, State and National Elections. Forms by which the voter requests an absentee ballot may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office. However, any written communication requesting an absentee ballot, signed by the voter as his name appears on the Voting List, and stating the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, will be honored without a form. All absentee voting must be done before a notary public or an officer authorized to administer oaths, and except for the physically disabled, must be executed and mailed outside of Needham. Those physically disabled who desire an absentee ballot must have their disability certified as in the case of those desiring absentee registration.

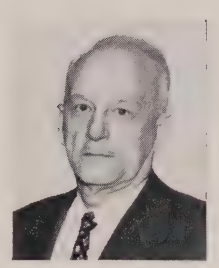
Board of Appeals

Herbert L. Moore, *Chairman*

Benjamin Y. Piper Enos G. Nickerson

Roger W. Nutt, *Special Member*

H. Maude Church, *Clerk*



During 1953 the Board held fifty hearings, forty-six on zoning by-law cases, and four on building by-law.

Thirty-two zoning variances were granted, ten denied, three were withdrawn, and in one case the board declined jurisdiction. Of the building by-laws, three were granted and one denied. In many decisions granting variances, conditions were imposed which would insure the intent and purpose of the zoning being accomplished.

There are now no commercial sand and gravel pits in Needham, and the unsightly areas where such existed are gradually being eliminated. During 1953 the Board granted permission to remove material in seven cases where contour of land required down grading. In several cases the material was merely moved from one location to another in Needham.

The new by-law governing sand and gravel removal will protect the best interests of the Town, without undue inconvenience or hardship to property owners where removal is necessary to allow proper use of their land.

The Board meets on alternate Tuesday evenings in the Town Hall. All hearings are public, and all are welcome, even though there may be no immediate interest in the cases being heard. Decisions are based on facts presented and on by-laws involved. The personal opinion of a member of this Board as to the desirability of certain variances, is not a governing factor. It is the duty of Board members to interpret the intent and purpose of the law, and so vote. Once a decision has been written and filed with the Town Clerk, the Board has no power to alter or withdraw same, nor does it have any police power to enforce its decisions. That power is assigned to the Building Inspector, who, where necessary, may call on the Town Counsel or the Police Department for assistance.

The board expresses its gratitude for the cooperation during the past year of all Departments and Town Officials who have assisted by presenting facts and recommendations at our hearings.

Applications for hearings may be filed and information obtained from the Clerk of the Board, during business hours, in the Assessor's office, Town Hall.

Board of Assessors

ARTHUR H. GODFREY, *Principal Assessor*

DAVID MURDOCH, *Secretary* A. STERLING HOLT

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1933	1	$ 5,734.40	$ 5,546.27
1941	1	9,558.00	7,413.13
1951	3	13,914.90	13,809.78
1952	3	15,010.85	15,010.85
1953	3	17,024.61	16,930.72

Since the close of World War II the Town of Needham has experienced a tremendous growth in population and valuation. During the year 1953 many new areas were developed and more than 300 houses erected. This added value, however, is doing very little to stop the continual rise in our tax rate due mainly to necessary increases in the town's operational expenses, such as building schools, extending sewers, maintenance, and new employees. The assessors feel that home owners, many of whom are also subject to some form of betterment assessments, are paying all they should in taxes.

The Board of Assessors would like to call attention to the New England Industrial area and its potential value to the town in terms of tax revenue. Not only will the town benefit financially but the type of development now in progress will be a vast improvement over the sand and gravel pit that has been in operation for the past quarter of a century. Our townspeople should give some thought to long range planning in sections where conditions have changed beyond the control of the town. Some sites could be developed into valuable selected business areas which would return greater revenue than dwelling houses, and would in no way detract from the residential aspects of the town.

In 1953 a vault was installed adjoining the assessors office for the safe storage of our valuable records. This enabled us to dispose of two safes, thus giving much needed office space to accommodate our increased volume of work.

Our real estate transfers now exceed more than a thousand parcels annually.

RECAPITULATION — 1953

Town Appropriations (Voted by Town Meetings)	$3,220,701.42
Overlay Deficits 1952	3,383.95
State Tax and Assessments	61,175.28
County Tax and Hospital Assessments	83,050.04
Overlay	35,245.73
Gross Amount to be Raised	$3,403,556.42

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Town (All revenue derived from Water Department, Hospital, Motor Vehicle Excise, etc.)	$ 752,361.44	
Income Tax (Collected by State and returned to the Town)	126,796.21	
Corporation Tax (Collected by State, etc.)	114,372.91	
Meals Tax (Collected by State, etc.)	1,758.29	
	$ 995,288.85	
Available Funds (From Excess and Deficiency Account; Unexpended balances from previous year)	$ 316,696.74	
Overestimates of 1952 (State)	8,892.04	
	$ 325,588.78	
		$1,320,877.63
$2,082,678.79 to be raised by taxation on Poll Taxes, Personal and Real Estate Taxes (levied and collected by the Town)		
Tax Rate $46.00 per $1,000.00		
Poll Taxes, 5,963 at $2.00 (levied against all males 20 years and older, with certain exceptions)	$ 11,926.00	
Personal Property, $2,039,915 x $46.00 (Taxes levied against Personal Property)	93,836.09	
Real Estate, $42,976,450 x $46.00 (Taxes levied against Real Estate)	1,976,916.70	
		$2,082,678.79
		$3,403,556.42

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Apportionments added to Taxes:		
Sewer	$ 26,946.03	
Sewer House Connections	7,286.20	
Sidewalk	440.81	
Street	10,240.85	
Water Liens	523.61	
		$ 45,437.50

Police Department

THOMAS H. WELCH, *Chief*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1933	12	$ 28,628.13	$ 28,769.83
1941	18	47,582.82	47,320.13
1951	32	125,924.00	125,924.00
1952	34	142,658.80	142,658.80
1953	35	145,756.92	145,756.92

Every year shows increased tempo in all phases of Police work. New residential building all over town has brought many new residents and has added many streets to be patrolled. Cruisers are on patrol twenty-four hours.

Accidents still continue on the up trend with the current Route 128 most frequently recorded. In 1953 we recorded 149 personal injury accidents in which 237 persons were injured and 1 fatal pedestrian accident. Fifty percent of these accidents occurred on Route 128. Property damage accidents totalled 368. December 1953 recorded the most accidents in any one month in the past six years.

Complaints, comprising telephone calls, those made in person, and by letter came to over 2400 for the year. These are all classified, cross-indexed and kept as permanent records.

Cases taken to Dedham District Court for prosecution numbered 266. These included crimes against person and/or property, against public order and motor vehicle violations.

Over 1000 cars were tagged for parking meter violations and other State and local vehicle violations.

Motorists, approximately 856, were booked during the past year for all types of motor vehicle violations. Some of these were taken to Court, some verbal warnings and others sent to the Registry of Motor Vehicles for disposition.

A Town by-law requires the registration of bicycles. To date we have 6,379 registrations, 722 in the past year.

Summer Special Police continue to help immeasurably during the vacation months. Last year this group checked 1,296 vacant houses, 85 Schools as well as other public buildings, travelling approximately 790 miles. They work in

pairs and use their own cars for this service to the Town as they receive no salary.

Many hundreds of homes are checked the year round by the regular force. All business and public buildings are checked nightly. Last year, 1058 doors and windows were found insecure.

The foregoing statistics will give some idea of the increased amount of work. We are asking for more men for the Department including an additional Sergeant, also 5 Police Women to assist the Department on School Crossings. The clerical work has multiplied tremendously and it may be necessary in the not too distant future to request an assistant clerk in order that we may continue to maintain our records in the manner in which they should be kept.

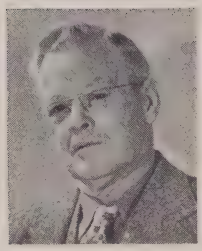
We hear a great deal of talk about a so-called juvenile delinquency "problem" in the town. In our opinion this "problem" has been magnified altogether out of proportion. We do *not* have a juvenile delinquency "problem" in this town.

In the past year many hours were spent by members of the Department in the Schools and at the Playgrounds giving safety talks and showing safety films. We believe these have made a good impression on the youngsters.

NEW-TYPE CRUISER DOES DOUBLE DUTY AS AUXILIARY AMBULANCE

Veterans' Services

F. J. Stanwood, *Agent*



	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1933	1	$15,000.00	$17,157.03
1941	1	10,000.00	12,577.49
1951	2	35,041.15	34,622.00
1952	2	37,150.00	36,367.05
1953	2	39,100.00	31,280.63

Ten years ago expenditures were less than $25,000. Were it not for the many changes in veterans' laws by which increases have been provided in base-pay of military personnel, dependent military allowances, and social-security, our out-of-pocket payments today would be much larger than those stated above. We have just experienced a very light year and expect 1954 to be the same.

With the cessation of the Korean conflict there has been much activity in counselling of discharged personnel. The veterans' benefits now available to this classification were authorized by Public Law No. 550 of the 82nd Congress. This office has only a small supply of literature on this subject and it is suggested that requests for printed matter be addressed to the Veterans Administration, 1 Beacon Street, Boston 8, or be made by telephoning Lafayette 3-7500 or Lafayette 3-8600. Expenditures for the year have been largely for dependents of veterans. It is in this classification that we anticipate our greatest demands. Although this department will increase its payments to hospitals in 1954, no general increases due to the cost of living are expected.

Aid was granted to 34 cases representing 64 persons. The amount of aid granted without participation on the part of the State was $520.00.

Although this department photostats many papers of discharged personnel, a majority do not request this service. We emphasize the importance of this feature for the veteran's future benefit. Papers may be left at this office for processing, which requires one week. There is no charge for this service.

Fire Department

RICHARD M. SALAMONE, *Chief*

	Employees Perm.	Employees Call	Budget	Expenditures
1933	15	23	$ 35,018.75	$ 35,847.19
1941	16	24	61,647.63	62,845.82
1951	31	18	141,611.06	141,452.62
1952	35	18	186,501.47	186,054.38
1953	39	12	186,790.05	186,356.83

During the year 1953 the department responded to 491 calls: Bell Alarms 175, Still Alarms 292, Signals 24. Also the regular Mutual Aid protection plan was carried on with the surrounding cities and towns.

The department received its new Brush Fire Truck during the latter part of 1953 which replaced a 1939 second hand Dodge purchased from the Government.

Fire drills were conducted at all the schools during the year. Periodic inspections were made throughout the year in stores, factories, churches, rooming houses and convalescent homes. The usual training drills of the department were carried on during the year.

Additional personnel and equipment is needed if fire protection is to be maintained at its present high level. The Department feels that the following recommendations are in order to keep abreast with the growth of the Town:

1. Purchase of a new and additional ladder truck.
2. Appointment of four more permanent men.
3. Purchase of a car for use in making inspections.
4. Installation of two additional circuits in the Fire Alarm system so that the proper number of boxes can be installed to take care of sections of the Town that have expanded in recent years.
5. Build bungalow type station in the Needhamdale section of Town.

The Fire Department at present has the following equipment:

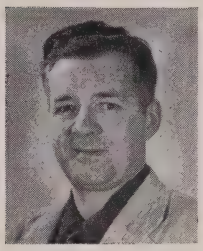
1942 Pirsch Aerial Ladder
1952 Pirsch 1,000 Gal. Pump
1941 Mack 750 Gal. Pump
1940 Mack 500 Gal. Pump
1953 International Brush Fire Truck
1952 Mack Rescue Truck
1949 Fire Alarm Truck
1948 Jeep
1950 Hudson Chiefs Car

Inspection Department

Edwin D. Keyes, *Building Inspector*

Clyde E. Cookson, *Wiring Insp.* Chester E. Bosselman, *Plumbing Insp.*

Elinor M. Norman, *Senior Clerk*



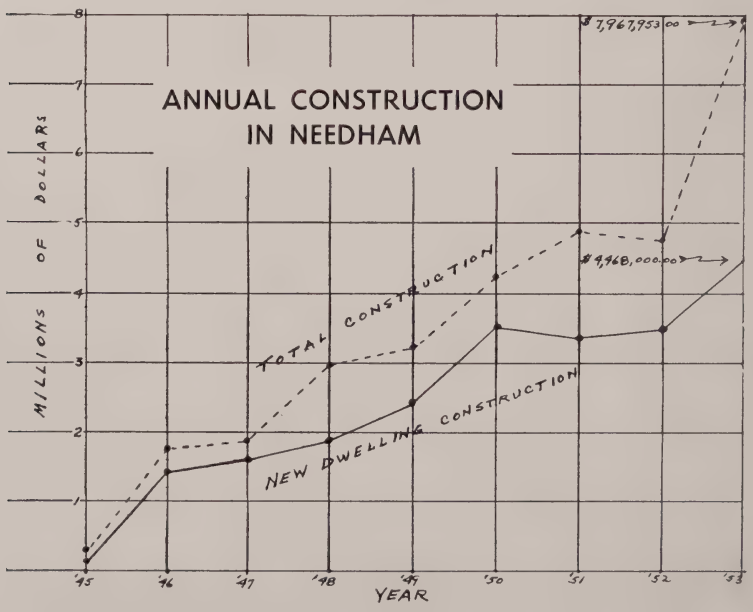
	Emp.	Budget	Expenditures	Fees Collected
1933	0	$ 3,500.00	$ 4,126.60	$ 2,174.82
1941	0	4,309.00	4,380.60	5,316.25
1951	1	14,326.00	14,306.00	9,368.85
1952	1	16,250.00	15,689.75	10,627.00
1953	1	16,410.53	16,220.53	14,971.75

The Inspection Department completed an all time record year in 1953. Gross estimated cost of construction reached a phenomenal $7,967,953.00. A total of 329 new dwelling permits accounted for $4,468,000.00 of this. The dollar gain figures are imposing, but an idea of the work load is better gained by noting that this Department issued 2,233 permits for 1953.

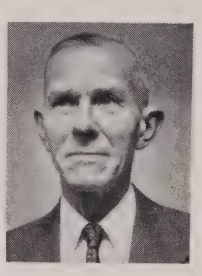
We have again requested an Assistant Building Inspector (part-time) in our 1954 budget.

Several new housing developments are being prepared and, of course, the Cabot, Cabot and Forbes site will have more industrial plants erected in the coming year.

We once again foresee another busy year ahead for 1954.



Needham Civil Defense



Lt. Col. Frank F. Flagel, *Director*

DEPUTIES AND ASSISTANT DEPUTIES

Communications
Louis H. Flanders, Jr.
Wilson E. Burges

Wardens
Walter L. Reed (Chief)
Robert E. Thomas (Liaison)
Ralph W. Greenlaw (Training)

Fire
John Charles Nute, Jr.

Public Utilities
Lester C. Hollis
Russel J. Rice

Administration
Winston L. Morris
Mrs. Louise N. Wixon (Clerk)

Medical
Dr. Edward Broderick
Dr. Chester R. Mills

Technological
Prof. Augustus R. Rogowski
Ridgley G. Shepherd

Police
Officer Louis Roman

Red Cross
Charles E. Hess
Dr. J. Loring Brown

Plant Protection
Ernest Fay

War Aid
Mrs. Zella M. Mann

Needham Civil Defense entered the year under the leadership of Ralph T. Woodcock who directed the activities of the organization until April 28, 1953 when the Selectmen appointed Lt. Col. Frank F. Flagel to the post.

During the year the training activities of the eleven Divisions of Civil Defense were developed and perfected into the efficient and well-coordinated team which so admirably performed their part as host to the sectorwide alert and field exercise held at the Industrial Center on November 15th. Communities participating in the exercise were: Watertown, Waltham, Weston, Brookline, Newton, Dover, Wellesley and Needham.

In this outstandingly successful exercise all divisions played an active part. The event received statewide attention through metropolitan newspapers and television programs.

Police Chief Thomas H. Welch with the assistance of Patrolman Louis Roman directed traffic control. Thirty partially uniformed police officers of the town in addition to two officers from Dover, forty-seven from Newton, thir-

teen from Wellesley, twenty from Brookline and eighty-seven from Waltham participated.

Fire Chief Richard M. Salamone, assisted by Deputy Chief J. C. Nute, Jr., planned and directed Fire Department activities. In this exercise all Fire Departments of the sector took part. One thousand gallons of oil was ignited several times in a huge pit and was extinguished each time in a matter of seconds. Water was pumped from a river and a pond for a total of 22,200 feet of 2½" hose utilizing 22 pumpers. A 1500-gallon tank truck furnished by Needham Oil Company was also placed in operation to demonstrate potential uses of commercial equipment.

Communications Division under the direction of Deputy Director Louis Flanders, Jr., had in operation eight radio cars equipped with two-way radio receivers which were assigned to strategic locations. Twenty-two members of the division operated the cars and the regular equipment at defense headquarters.

The Medical Division set up a medical station at Glover Memorial Hospital, with six doctors, nurses, X-ray technician and other personnel. A medical station was also set up at the Carter-Avery School, manned as a first aid receiving unit with four physicians, a large number of red cross aides and clerical aides. Doctors Edward Broderick, Director, and Chester R. Mills, Deputy, directed the operations.

The Warden Division under the direction of Walter L. Reed, Chief Warden, assisted the police in traffic control. Approximately 150 wardens were on duty during the alert and the field exercise.

Red Cross Division activated the motor corps, nurses aides, first aid and clerical branches during the exercise. Red Cross canteen of the local chapter together with several other canteens of participating communities served coffee and doughnuts. Charles E. Hess, Deputy Director, managed first aid activities. Frank Brett, Chairman, Needham Chapter, American Red Cross, supervised the overall feeding of personnel.

Professor A. R. Rogowski, Deputy Director of the Technological Division with two assistants traversed the scene of the incident. Armed with high-level radiation meters they conducted tests for radiological hazards, communicating information on radiation to headquarters.

During the period July 20-25 a blood typing program was sponsored by this organization under the leadership of Mrs. Carleton V. Topliffe and numerous workers, with the result that 920 residents were typed and issued Commonwealth of Massachusetts blood type identification cards. In the event of another program during 1954, it is hoped that eligible persons who have not been typed, will avail themselves of the opportunity.

HIGHPOINT OF 9-TOWN CD DRILL FOR WHICH NEEDHAM WAS HOST.

Equipment and supplies for two first aid stations were received. One unit is stored at the Carter-Avery school and the other at the Glover Memorial Hospital. These units facilitate expeditious handling of patients in case of a major disaster.

The Warden Division has undergone major reorganization at staff level with the appointment of a new Chief Warden, an Assistant Deputy (liaison) and Assistant Deputy (training). Extensive training data has been procured and intensive training programs have been planned. This section requires considerable expansion in personnel.

Several complete mobile radio stations and walky-talky units were added to the regular equipment of the communications division. This equipment was constructed gratis by public spirited licensed radio amateurs of the town.

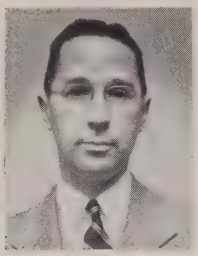
The Technological Division (radiological) acquired two pocket-size high-level radiation meters for the protection of police, fire and rescue squads which may be called upon to enter a disaster area.

Public Utilities Division has concentrated its efforts toward the general upkeep and reconditioning of its available equipment so as to be most beneficial in time of disaster.

A new Division was added during the year, namely War Aid, with the appointment of Mrs. Zella Mann as Deputy.

Schools

John Barr Dolan, *Chairman*
Barbara M. Page, *Vice Chairman*
John H. Bush Charles E. Greene Daniel H. Rider Ruth E. Steere
Derwood A. Newman, *Superintendent*



	Teach.	Non-Teach.	Budget	Expenditures
1933	95	18	$203,753.00	$204,521.97
1941	95	22	270,569.96	270,264.75
1951	131	39	667,916.18	667,688.70
1952	144	35*	773,680.17	767,788.30
1953	160	38**	917,834.00	909,472.18

*Excluding 13 Full-Time and 8 Part-Time Cooks.
**Excluding 15 Full-Time and 13 Part-Time Cooks.

Attention has been focused for several years on the rapid expansion of school plant facilities. While it is natural that this should be so, the schools' principal job—educating Needham children—should not escape the attention it deserves.

Keeping pace with the physical growth of the school system has been academic growth.

TEACHERS GO TO SCHOOL

While the teaching group has been enlarged in numbers from year to year, its members have been adding to the total of their own knowledge through continued study.

In his annual report to the school committee, Dr. Derwood A. Newman, superintendent of schools, said:

"Our curriculum is always being studied and revised in the light of current widely accepted research. There is hardly a teacher or administrator from the beginner to the superintendent who has not done work at the graduate level within three years, and in any year close to half the staff is engaged in such study. Indeed, there is very little of educational significance at the elementary or secondary level which has occurred in New England . . . with which some of our staff have not been associated."

A YARDSTICK FOR SUCCESS

Educational progress is, perhaps, best reflected in the accomplishments of the young people who have passed through the Needham school system.

High School Principal William F. Pollard has this to say about the members of the Class of 1953:

"Of the 167 young people who received diplomas last June, 114 are continuing their education. Seventy of that number matriculated in four-year colleges, while the remaining 44 enrolled in junior colleges, secretarial schools, technical institutions and schools of nursing. Of the remaining 53, our records show that two are at home, five are married, seven are in the service of our country and 39 are gainfully employed.

"Members of the class, because of their achievements in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities, were awarded scholarships running into thousands of dollars. Very substantial scholarships of at least a thousand dollars each were granted to two boys by Harvard and Yale, respectively.

"Scholastic reports received from colleges this fall relative to achievements of members of the class have been most gratifying. It has been a great pleasure to receive letters and calls in greater numbers than usual from successful students in appreciation of the sound preparation for college which they had received, especially in the field of English. Needless to say, such things are very heart warming and serve to make teachers feel well repaid for their efforts.

"The achievements of our young people in college are always a source of pleasure to those interested in their progress. Reports coming to the school from higher institutions of learning tell of the success of our graduates on the campus and in the classroom. Consequently we have reason to believe that we are achieving our aim to a considerable degree; namely, the education of the whole person."

SHOWCASE DISPLAYS LATIN-AMERICAN HANDCRAFTS AT BROADMEADOW SCHOOL.

FACULTY TRAINING

Some of the mechanism of intra-school faculty training toward continued teaching improvement was explained by Leonard Savignano in his report as elementary school supervisor.

"This year has been a continuation of the inservice program for teachers, starting with a before-school program for new teachers and continuing with grade meetings. Of particular interest were the first grade teachers' meetings held weekly during the shortened day. At the meetings teaching practices, methods and materials were discussed with new and experienced teachers exchanging ideas and experiences.

"A Harvard-Boston University extension course in the teaching of arithmetic is being held in Needham this fall. Teachers from Westwood and Norwood have joined a group of our elementary teachers in studying present day methods of teaching arithmetic. A bit unusual is the fact that two parents, representatives of the Public School Association, are also attending the sessions.

"Elementary teachers and principals are continuing graduate study in the areas of reading, arithmetic, science, guidance, teaching methods and administration thus maintaining and improving their preparation for the serious responsibility of teaching elementary school children."

EMPHASIS ON ENGLISH

Specific subject improvement is sought through such study panels as those described by Mr. Savignano and, in another field, through a survey of the English department.

As reported by John W. Ferrett, department head, the English survey has been concentrated on the high school program. Separate committees for the sophomore, junior and senior years are examining the courses of study and teaching methods in an effort to improve their efficiency and, consequently, their results.

Prior to the sophomore committee study, an examination of sophomore needs was made based upon evidence gathered from class work in all English classes and foreign language classes during the first few weeks of school.

In addition to the work on the sophomore program, other items of importance have been considered, according to the departmental report. Listed are:

1. Elimination of irregular fluctuations in grading throughout the department, without losing sight of a realistic conception of the pupils' post-high school plans, that is, immediate work or further education in college or other school.

2. Increased emphasis on all levels of written composition.

3. Experience in writing of essay questions on examinations as part of training for superior groups.

4. Improvement of criteria for correction and evaluation of written composition. The committee is working on a set of correction symbols, graduated in difficulty from sophomore to senior year, which will do much toward improvement.

5. A standardized set of punctuation rules in the process of being prepared.

6. Raising the level and broadening the span of comprehension in reading. Emphasis on vocabulary and diction is constant.

7. Giving special attention to the task of extending the pupil's span of attention in listening.

8. Future plans for working out a systematic and specialized training course in voice and speech.

9. Tentative plans for testing all students from the 9th to the 12th grade in an effort to achieve maximum effectiveness from our program.

10. Visiting classes and having individual conferences with teachers to increase forcefulness of teaching.

11. Organization, in spring, of junior high school teachers for purposes of examining the junior high school course of study and methods of teaching, and for correlating their program with that of the high school.

ATTENTION TO SPECIALTIES

Specialized subjects, too, have felt the impact of changing times, new conditions and the burdens of an expansion period which hasn't yet caught up to itself. Nonetheless, there have been notable accomplishments in several fields during 1953.

Needham's elementary school art program was featured in May in a program telecast by WBZ-TV under the sponsorship of the Massachusetts State Department of Education. Classroom work and special projects were photographed in color by Mr. Marvin Rosenkrantz. Photographic materials for the motion picture were furnished through the cooperation of the Public School Association. In addition to being an educational experience in itself, production resulted in local ownership of a film which has been useful in public relations with such groups as parent-teacher clubs as well as being useful as a teacher training aid.

The art department, looking ahead toward completion of new facilities in the high school addition, has devoted time to planning for use of those facilities. Also being developed is an art curriculum guide for all grades. Joining the art staff in preparation of this material is a committee of elementary classroom teachers.

A highlight of the music education program has been introduction of string developmental classes in the elementary schools. Needham was included by Boston University in a general program along this line and is able to call upon the university for guidance, instruction and student teachers. Fifty beginning violinists were started in October and they will be featured in an all-elementary school orchestra concert in June.

Interest in stringed instruments has sparked rather than detracted from interest in other instruments with the result that enrollment in classes for brasses and woodwinds has been higher than ever.

School musicians have taken part in such events as the Eastern Massachusetts School Music Festival in which their performances have brought credit to the town.

HEALTH IS IMPORTANT

Health of Needham school children has received its usual close attention throughout the year.

Parents of pre-kindergarten children were encouraged to have the family's own physician and dentist examine the children before school opened.

School health examinations were spaced to include grades one, four, all junior high pupils and grade 12. Children transferred from other school systems and all candidates for athletic teams were examined.

Vision and hearing tests were given to all new children, to pupils in grade one and to each alternate grade through high school.

Chest x-ray examination of 150 high school seniors and of all cafeteria personnel was completed in October.

The Needham Dental Clinic, under the sponsorship of the New Century Club, completed its 19th year of service to elementary school children. During the year 159 children kept 849 appointments and 98 certificates were given for work completed.

Eight cafeterias serve Needham's 10 schools and employ 28 workers. A complete hot lunch is available at $.25 to all pupils from first grade through high school. More children are taking advantage of the availability of well-planned noontime meals each month.

GUIDANCE

An active guidance department headed by William F. Valdina as director and staffed by three counselors works in varied fields within the schools.

Administration of achievement and intelligence tests, job placement, assistance in course planning, preparation in cooperation with the Exchange Club of Needham of a series of occupational conferences, and research studies are but a few of the tasks handled by this department.

BAND MEMBERS PREPARE FOR ONE OF THEIR MANY PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

STAFF CHANGES

Two highly regarded members of the high school faculty entered retirement in 1953 after long and faithful service in Needham.

Fred L. Frost had completed 34 years here and John E. Nelson 21.

Of them, their principal, William F. Pollard, said,

"At no time did they measure their work in terms of hours. Their sole aim was to render service of the highest order. As principal of the school in which they labored I take this opportunity to place on record my sincere thanks to them for their loyalty, cooperation and faithful service as teachers and assistants, and to wish for them many happy years in retirement."

Four elementary school principals were new to their particular posts this year. Two, Miss Leora Richardson at the Stephen Palmer School and William D. Purcell at the High Rock School, replaced principals who left the system in June. A third, John H. Jenkins, Jr., was transferred to the newly opened Broadmeadow School. He had served since 1949 as principal of the Dwight School and is succeeded in that position by Dennis Foley, formerly of the Carter School faculty

Each of the schools welcomed some new teachers this fall and at the high school two new positions were created, Dean of Girls and Librarian.

PHYSICAL CHANGES

Each of the past three years has seen Needham taking steps toward its goal of adequate housing for elementary school children, through opening of new school buildings, and additions to existing buildings.

This year it was the opening in September of the 14-classroom Broadmeadow School. United States Senator Leverett Saltonstall was the principal speaker at dedication exercises which placed this handsome building officially in service.

Under construction is an eight-room addition to the High Rock School and an addition to the high school which will triple the capacity of that building.

Foreseeing continued need for elementary school construction, town meeting members in March authorized purchase of a tract of land for school purposes in Needham Heights.

Much has been done to keep all schools in repair and pleasant for children to attend. The greatest change has taken place at the Carter School which received a complete painting and redecorating. This included new lighting fixtures and new furniture. The playground adjoining the Avery School was enlarged and completely resurfaced and now has a new baseball diamond, backstop and play apparatus.

At the Harris School outside surfaces were painted and the Mitchell School has been made more attractive by completion of landscaping.

POLICY CHANGES

Recognizing the fact that the adjustment from kindergarten to first grade is difficult for many children and that many find the longer grade school day tiring at first a new program was initiated this year in the form of a transition period for first grade children. From opening day until the Thanksgiving vacation the first grades were dismissed prior to lunch. They began attending full-day sessions after the Thanksgiving recess.

AERIAL VIEW OF BROADMEADOW SCHOOL AND SURROUNDINGS.

"THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS"—SCHOOL COMMITTEE, SUPERINTENDENT AND SECRETARY.

Preparation is under way for another change, not yet accomplished. This year's ninth grade is the last which will be a part of the junior high school for several years to come. When the remodelled high school is opened in 1954, it will be a four-year school. The system will then have six elementary grades, two of junior high school and four of high school instead of the 6-3-3 arrangement now in effect.

CROWDING STILL A PROBLEM

Although completion of the Broadmeadow School eased the crowded conditions of the elementary schools substantially, a serious situation still exists at the Junior High School.

Not only is this reflected in the overall difficulty of trying to fit 733 pupils in a building which has scarcely room for 633, but it is magnified many times by the administrative tasks of scheduling lunch periods and making individual class assignments.

Typical is the problem presented in the industrial arts shop which has only one-room accommodations. It is impractical to assign more than one teacher who thus has to share his knowledge with a total of 259 boys.

Gym class and homemaking class facilities are equally taxed.

As an additional result of the overpopulation children are assigned to four separate lunch periods of 22-minute duration each.

DIFFICULTIES SURMOUNTED

These past few years have been difficult times for administrators, teachers and pupils alike but it is the conviction of the school committee that all are coming through in a more than satisfactory manner. Cooperative endeavor is teaching all that though growth has its problems, meeting the challenge of that growth has been, in itself, an educational experience.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT — 1953-54

School	Kn.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Spl.	Ttl.
Senior High School	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	197	205	155	1	558
Junior High School	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	265	247	221	—	—	—	1	734
Broadmeadow	57	59	60	61	60	49	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	411
Carter-Avery	63	83	69	57	54	73	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	434
Dwight	41	49	50	38	35	34	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	279
Eliot	24	21	21	—	—	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	97
Harris	34	30	48	33	33	45	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	258
High Rock	57	57	50	36	33	25	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	287
Mitchell	52	54	39	26	32	34	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	271
Stephen Palmer	64	100	89	87	77	74	90	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	581
Totals	392	453	426	338	324	365	320	265	247	221	197	205	155	2	3910

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Secondary 1218

Public Library

Dr. Harry W. Kimball, *Chairman*
Marion L. Johnson Laura G. Willgoose Helen B. Eastman
Arthur L. King Fred G. Atchinson
Dorothy M. Brown, *Librarian*

	Employees	Total Books Loaned	Budget	Expenditures
1933	4	78,988	$ 7,674.27	$ 7,639.93
1941	5	81,418	10,897.75	10,836.19
1951	8	147,750	32,567.36	32,029.75
1952	9	167,462	37,037.10	36,670.04
1953	9	185,196	43,027.28	42,206.42

The Library and its activities have expanded in keeping with the growth of our town. In view of this, the trustees are recommending that the Branch Library be open daily instead of the present policy of three days per week. The Main Library is now open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Reference and book selection services given by the library staff have doubled in the last five years. Work with the schools has increased to the extent that one staff member devotes full time to this project and still finds it impossible to render adequate service. This staff member devotes 50% of her time in connection with reference work with Junior High and High School students; 20% in reference work with elementary school students; 15% on book deposits loaned to elementary schools (17,008 books loaned); and 15% in class instruction.

Book circulation in the children's room was approximately 60,000 during the year, an increase of 7,900 over the previous year. A weekly story hour for pre-school children has been held each Wednesday and one on Saturday mornings for children from 6 to 10 years of age.

Each year several thousand requests for information and service are made. In 1953, for example, over 4,000 requests were made for advice in selecting most appropriate books to read or study. Many booklists and courses of study were compiled for individuals and clubs.

Requests for information consume considerable time and are usually in the form of telephone calls. We are pleased to render this service and the evidence of so many requests is an indication of its value to our patrons.

A complete revision was effected during the year of the library card catalogue (an indexing and coding on cards of all the books in the library). Filing

was revised and many thousand old handwritten, incomplete cards were replaced by up to date typed cards. Several hundred old but useful books were re-evaluated and re-catalogued. There were added 3,678 new books in 1953 as against only 1,504 in 1941. Because of wear and tear, obsolescence and loss 1,932 books were eliminated. Those which were lost were paid for by patrons responsible therefor.

Money collected for overdue charges amounted to $2,752.14 which sum was turned over to the town.

Through inter-library loan, 118 books were borrowed from neighboring libraries.

There were 2,463 new registrants for library cards during the year. The total number of volumes in the library now stands at 35,349.

We believe it interesting to note the reading habits of our patrons on the basis of the following tabulation of books loaned in 1953:

60,401	Novels
59,443	Children's books
6,399	How-to-do-it books
6,242	Periodicals
6,160	Music and Art
5,678	Biographies
4,378	Plays, Poems, essays
3,472	Books of travel
3,210	Books of sociology
2,994	History books
2,220	Science books
1,356	Books of philosophy and psychology
764	Religious books
267	Books on journalism and reading
240	Pamphlets
189	Dictionaries and grammars
21,783	Branch library circulations not classified

This circulation exceeds that of the previous year by nearly 18,000.

CHILDREN SHARE WITH GROWNUPS THE CONVENIENCE OF THE GREAT PLAIN AVE., LIBRARY BRANCH.

Recreation Committee

Robert J. Latham, *Chairman*

Nelson A. Talmadge
Vice-Chairman

Helen B. Richwagen
Secretary

John H. Bush
Rep. from School Committee

P. Bernhardt Richwagen
Rep. from Memorial Park Tr.

	Employees Perm.	Employees Temp.	Budget	Expenditures
1933	—	—	$ 500.00	$ 119.10
1941	—	—	4,700.00	4,656.96
1951	28	13	16,815.76	16,769.86
1952	31	13	18,537.25	18,464.33
1953	32	14	18,955.00	19,819.48

Why is it, many people ask, that our young American boys and girls, supposedly the most pampered in the world, always manage, somehow or other, to chalk up excellent records whenever they are called upon to serve their country in trying times? We submit that the answer may lie in the early training these young people receive on the playgrounds and recreational fields supplied for their enjoyment by their home communities.

Here in Needham, the Recreation Committee is proud of the fact that every youngster can enjoy wholesome and educational recreation under the supervision of the most capable of youth leaders.

Needham's playground system is an excellent one. It has earned laurels for itself not only from residents of the Town but from recreational leaders in nearby communities as well.

For example, Needham's newest school, the Broadmeadow School in the Birds Hill section, is the first school at which the Building Committee made plans for a completely outfitted playground. The High Rock School is following suit and will soon be as fully equipped as the Broadmeadow.

Plans are also being made for setting aside an area at the Avery School for use by small children only, that is, by children up to the age of ten. The Recreation Committee hopes also to include improvements at the Cricket Field in its list of future plans.

At present, there are playground facilities available at the Broadmeadow, Harris, Stephen Palmer, High Rock, Dwight, Eliot, and Mitchell Schools; also at the Cricket Field, Riverside playground, and River Park Field.

This last named spot, the River Park Field, located on Hampton Avenue in the East Needham section, is familiar to many because of the fine work done

there several years ago by the Needham Rotary Club. Through a series of activities the Rotary Club raised enough funds to pay for clearing and leveling of the land. Members of several civic organizations and other interested citizens worked on this project and helped reclaim the land for the profitable use to which it has now been put.

How do we answer the critics who claim that making available such recreational facilities amounts to pampering our youth? We say that it is on the play fields of our towns that boys and girls learn to socialize with one another, build strong and able bodies, become emotionally fit to take the achievements as well as the disappointments that come in later life. There they mature mentally through a systematic series of activities that teaches them to coordinate and to think quickly and correctly in order to gain success.

For the more commercially minded, the returns to the town from the playgrounds' crafts program during 1953 amounted to nearly $370. The crafts program is one that teaches boys and girls to work profitably with their hands by making small objects from pieces of cloth, rope, pipe cleaners, leather, and the like. A favorite rainy-day activity, craft work is increasing in popularity. It is enjoyed by nearly all youngsters attending the playgrounds.

Last year, total attendance at Needham's playgrounds was 24,340.

Rosemary Beach is still the first-ranking place of summer enjoyment. Improved facilities, a clean and attractive beach and picnic area, fresh water regularly inspected by the Board of Health, and strict supervision make Rosemary Beach one of the safest and most sanitary swimming areas in this locality.

Last year, the number of paid admissions at the Beach totaled 25,064, giving the town a return of more than $1200 on its investment. Non-paying visits made by the Brownies, Cubs, Girl Scouts, Fourth of July visitors, guests from Boston's settlement houses, and others swelled the total attendance to 29,670. Since this is nearly twice the population of the Town, the activities at Rosemary Beach may be considered a successful enterprise.

With the start of a new year, the Recreation Committee once again pledges itself to continue working on behalf of the people of Needham regardless of age. It is the Committee's objective that all—young and old—may find in their home town, recreational activities to make their lives richer and fuller.

LITTLE LEAGUERS RAISE FLAG TO OPEN RIVER PARK PLAYGROUND.

Glover Memorial Hospital

TRUSTEES

Blake W. Field, *Chairman* Stewart B. Johnston, *Vice Chairman*
Mrs. Gene R. Leavitt, *Secretary*
Cyril N. Angell Mrs. Luella M. Hopkins
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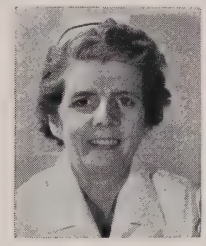

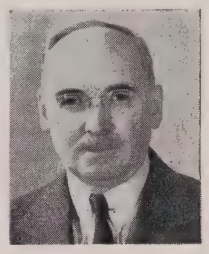

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures	Receipts
1933	*	$ 16,500.00	$ 20,159.96	$ 11,237.35
1941	30**	34,285.00	37,806.72	35,079.95
1951	63 Perm. 48 Temp.	304,347.93	303,474.20	245,418.83
1952	60 Perm. 45 Temp.	358,380.70	349,214.96	294,778.13
1953	70 Perm. 45 Temp.	371,208.50	362,951.01	320,000.00

* *not obtainable*
** *Estimated*

For some time there has been an increasing conviction among doctors on the Active Medical Staff that additional beds should be made available by opening the first floor. The Trustees have been reluctant to take this step until convinced that there was an adequate demand for these facilities. Consequently, the Executive Committee of the Staff was asked to meet with the Board of Trustees to discuss matters covering admissions, length of stay, special problems of pediatric patients, hospitalization of older patients and other related problems. Following this presentation the Trustees voted to request the special November Town Meeting to appropriate funds to equip and operate the first floor for the first three months of 1954. The appropriation request before the 1954 Annual Town Meeting includes the necessary funds to continue operation

of the entire plan of 66 beds for the balance of the year. The first floor makes available 10 adult beds and 5 pediatric beds and should relieve pressure for hospital beds which is making itself felt at certain times of the year.

The maintenance of our high standard of nursing care has been greatly aided by the availability of local graduate nurses for part-time employment. The handicap of irregular hours has been overcome by careful planning and scheduling. There is still, however, a scarcity of trained nursing personnel.

Due both to efficient administration and to a higher average occupancy the operating deficit has been reduced. Some extraordinary maintenance items

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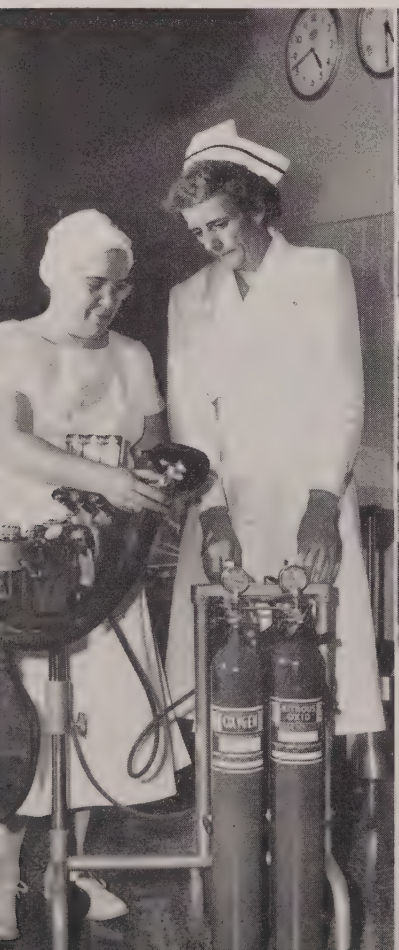

NURSES' STATION IN NEWLY OPENED FIRST FLOOR.

may make a further reduction for 1954 difficult to achieve. It is appropriate at this time to refer to the patient from out of town. Were it not for the substantial number of such patients in Glover Hospital, the deficit would be even greater. It is possible that as occupancy increases, consideration will be given to a differential in rates in favor of the Needham resident.

Again the Trustees express their appreciation to the administrative and nursing staffs and to all volunteer workers for the part they have played in establishing the fine reputation which the Glover Memorial Hospital now enjoys both among patients and doctors.

The Trustees acknowledge with appreciation gifts of equipment this year from the Hospital Aid Association, Needham Rotary Club and Greater Boston Automotive Wholesalers Hospital Equipment Fund; also other substantial gifts from many friends of the Hospital, some of whom prefer to remain anonymous.

1953 CENSUS

Patients in house December 31, 1952		30
Patients admitted during 1953		1,957
Patients discharged during 1953		1,881
Deaths		62
Patients in house December 31, 1953		44
Medical Cases		500
Major Surgery Performed		378
Minor Surgery Performed		372
Tonsils and Adenoids		320
Obstetrical Cases		534
Caesarean Sections		24
Births		464
Total Number of Patient Days		14,293
Total Number of Infant Days		3,231
Average Number of Patients Per Day		38.1
Accidents		577
Accidents Admitted		55
Outpatients Treated		82
Average Length of Stay in Hospital		6
Blue Cross Patients		1,175
Total Number of X-rays		3,326
Laboratory		46,883
Examinations representing the total number of units made in our hospital laboratory		
House Patients	38,085	
Out Patients	8,798	

Board of Health

David E. Mann, M.D., *Chairman*

Leslie B. Cutler

Kenneth Christophe, M.D., *Secretary*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1933	1	$ 6,700.00	$ 7,383.72
1941	4	12,893.93	12,517.03
1951	5	24,372.50	25,660.11
1952	6	27,697.00	29,743.51
1953	7	39,422.33	40,184.54

The current year has been one of growth and expansion. The Well-Child Conference, taken over by the Town at the request of the Visiting Nurses' Association, began under Board of Health direction in April. This necessitated the employment of a pediatrician to direct and provide the professional services. For this purpose Dr. Sidney Green was employed. There have been no other changes in personnel; but this being the first full year during which there has been available a nutritionist and a trained sanitarian, their work has developed to make a well rounded program.

The year 1953 on the whole has been a favorable one from the viewpoint of diseases dangerous to the public health. A total of 723 cases was reported—this being only a little over half the number for the previous year. Diseases showing a higher prevalence in 1953 included: Tuberculosis, nine cases; whooping cough, 34 cases; scarlet fever, 20 cases and chickenpox, 398 cases. There were also five cases reported of poliomyelitis and two and five cases, respectively, of anthrax and infectious hepatitis—for which there has been no record since before 1927.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Health, a community-wide chest x-ray program planned and carried out largely by volunteer citizen participation in cooperation with the Norfolk County Tuberculosis Association, proved to be a great success. A total of 6,603 chest x-ray pictures was taken by the mobile state unit. Nine Needham residents were reported back as showing evidence of tuberculosis and requiring further followup by the Public Health Nurse. In addition certain evidences of chest pathology such as, enlarged hearts or tumors were revealed and were referred directly to the patient's physician. Since the completion of the program, the followup on the Needham residents has been completed: two were found to have active tuberculosis and have been hospitalized; the other seven have been routinely examined, as recommended, at the out-patient clinic of the Norfolk County Sanatorium and have proved to be not active cases.

The Well-Child Conference has proved a great success. The average attendance at the Conference has been 16, and a total of 325 infants and preschool children has been enrolled. The purpose of this program is to provide for a physical examination of healthy babies and young children, and to make possible a conference between the physician and the mother with the Public Health Nurse present for necessary followup as to ways and means of maintaining and promoting the health of the child. Also, at the appropriate time, babies are immunized against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus and are vaccinated. The Nutrition Worker is also present at this conference to consult with mothers on problems relating to food and food habits.

The Nutrition Worker has continued her work in the schools, providing materials, ideas and other assistance to teachers in connection with the education of children. Also, during the year she has aroused great interest amongst the Girl Scouts, has inaugurated classes in weight control—which have been enthusiastically received—and has at the request and under the direction of physicians made home visits on diabetic, cardiac and overweight patients.

The community sanitation work is carried out by the Sanitarian and the Town Engineer. The latter's work is confined to the inspection and approval of all facilities for the disposal of sewage where the public sewer is inaccessible. The Sanitarian inspects all dairies, milk plants and bottling establishments, collects water and milk samples and samples from eating utensils and investigates and recommends action on all complaints. This year the Board has inaugurated the practice of awarding certificates to all places serving food to be eaten on the premises where they comply with all of the regulations. The industrial growth of Needham will present more and different problems in the future.

This year, for the first time, a vaccine calculated to be effective for at least two years was used at the clinics for the immunization of dogs against rabies. If the reports on this so-called Avian Vaccine continue to show the persistence of immunity over a longer period of time, after next year the clinic may be offered only on alternate years. There were 450 dogs immunized which is the largest number ever inoculated; but even so, this is only about one-quarter of the licensed dogs in Needham.

Per capita cost of all health services administered under the Board of Health increased from $1.68 in 1952 to $2.05 this year, due largely to the increase in the garbage contract. For the basic health services, however, as defined by the State Department of Public Health, the per capita cost decreased from 75c to 63c.

Public Welfare

Meyer J. Gordon, *Chairman*

Earl Alban (Resigned)
William A. Mann
Catherine L. Larson
James M. McCracken
Dorathea M. Willgoose

Zella M. Mann, *Agent*

	Employees		Budget	Expenditures
1933	4		$ 61,479.84	$ 78,856.30
		U. S. Grants	21,196.10	21,196.10
1941	4		73,092.03	88,372.43
		U. S. Grants	27,071.68	27,071.68
1951	4		94,313.84	120,629.83
		U. S. Grants	49,310.17	49,310.17
1952	4		106,958.12	141,665.81
		U. S. Grants	51,812.89	51,812.89
1953	4		95,850.00	147,829.89
		U. S. Grants	60,329.77	60,329.77

Welfare is public assistance which is dispensed not as a matter of right, but on the basis of need as determined by State approved budgetary statutes.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

When is one too old to go on working? The answer to that question is the keystone to many of the problems of old age. Is an arbitrary retirement age for wage earners unjust? Should the employed man or woman who is able, and wants to go on working be allowed to do so? Most experts in the field of the aged answer with a resounding "Yes!"

However, a large percentage of industries have a long-established pattern of preferring youth. Keeping older workers on the payroll but giving them lighter duties is difficult psychologically. A person just does not want to step down to tasks of less responsibility.

The only long-term solution, experts say, is development of jobs which can be filled by older workers. With a maturing population, industry must face the fact that all jobs can not go to young people.

There are now about 97,000 persons 65 years of age and older receiving Old Age Assistance in Massachusetts. Benefits paid out to these persons total approximately $87,000,000. If ever we are to reduce this amount, the redesign of jobs in American industry for a maturing population is imperative and inescapable. The more work we do now, the easier it will be for management five or ten years hence. We can not escape this problem and must face it.

1953 BUDGET

General Relief	$ 8,500.00
Old Age Assistance	65,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00
Disability Assistance	9,000.00
Salaries	7,600.00
Expenses	750.00
	$95,850.00

During 1953, we lost by death, transfer and other reasons 27 cases and received and investigated 50 new applications, of which 15 were rejected or withdrawn.

It was necessary to transfer $2,000.00 from the Aid to Dependent Children and $3,000.00 from the General Relief budgets in order to apply these amounts to Old Age Assistance.

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS

Federal	*State and Other*
$60,329.77	$60,640.48

Total Caseload in 1953: (Payroll Cases)

	Cases	*Persons*
Disability Assistance	15	15
General Relief	11	13
Old Age Assistance	138	138
Aid to Dependent Children	9	27
	173	193

It is interesting to note that for the first time since 1948 there has been a decline in the total number of persons aided.

Included in the 1953 Expenses listed were the following costs of service to clients:

Physicians of clients' choice	$ 4,712.60
Medicines and Prescriptions	2,776.29
Nursing Home Costs	18,658.32
Hospitals	7,346.00
X-rays, Clinics, Spec. Treatments	685.49
Visiting Nurses	1,100.00
Total	$35,278.70

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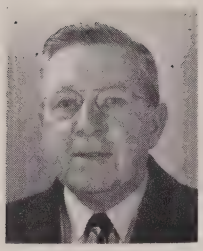
Public Works

LESTER C. HOLLIS, *Superintendent*



	Employees	Available Funds	Expenditures
1933	42	$ 224,894.44	$ 189,666.02
1941	65	321,381.12	326,087.92
1951	78	755,471.86	655,944.27
1952	82	1,255,466.03	916,498.58
1953	88	1,440,500.84	1,056,718.57

This department was established under Section 2, Chapter 189 of the Acts of 1932, which authorized the Selectmen to act as a Board of Public Works and appoint a Superintendent to administer, under their direction, the duties of Highway Surveyors, Water, Sewer, Park Commissioners, Tree Warden, Town Engineer and such other duties under the control of the Selectmen as they may designate.

The continued increase in real estate development extending into the outlying sections, has presented more demands upon this Department. Engineering studies are continually being required to provide for planning of all utilities to serve such areas.

It now appears that with the approval by the Planning Board of each new development, we are required to make provision for disposal of storm water which has been flowing from our highways on these lands now proposed as building sites. Consequently we must now engage upon a program involving engineering studies and construction to provide for proper storm water drainage through pipe lines in our highways and easements over private lands. Many such projects are very costly and additional funds should now be appropriated to rectify these conditions. Expansion of residential areas into the fringe areas, is bringing forth numerous difficulties that will not eliminate themselves.

Due to considerable street openings on our various highways of late for underground installation, not only for our own sewers, water and drains but also for power and telephone conduits, the surfaces now of many of our highways are fast becoming irregular and causing considerable annoyance, not only to motorists but also pedestrians. Street patching crews regularly patrol the Town locating and repairing holes in our streets before the damage becomes too serious rather than relying on complaints. Although such surface patching is the economical means for preventing costly repairs, it still is listed under the heading of patching and it would seem that more permanent resurfacing should

be applied upon such roadways. Accordingly, additional funds are requested for expenditures during the coming year to apply complete bituminous surfacing over streets which have been continually patched

With the totals for 1953 Public Works expenditures set at over one million dollars this year, it appears that the 1954 expenditures for similar Public Works projects will remain high—at a record level. Although our maintenance costs will increase only 10% above 1953, it is expected that with the inclusion of new street construction, drainage, sewers, water and other work slated for 1954, an all time high of nearly one and one-half million dollars will be met.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASED THIS YEAR:

A Power Mist Sprayer for use of the Forestry Division . .	$ 1,600.00
Two ½-ton Pick-up Trucks for Highway and Sewer Divisions	2,025.00
One Rotary Snow Blower and Loader	10,875.00
One Rubber Tired Tractor with hydraulic front end shovel .	5,890.00
One Caterpillar Crawler Tractor with hydraulic front end shovel	9,875.00
A 1-ton sewer maintenance service truck	1,966.00
	$32,231.00

SUMMARY OF ALL EMPLOYEES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1953

1 — Superintendent
4 — Clerical Assistants
1 — Town Engineer
3 — Assistant Engineers
1 — Chief of Party
1 — Instrument Man
2 — Senior Draftsmen
1 — Draftsman
1 — Rodman
1 — Divisional Supt.
1 — Asst. Div. Supt.
1 — Master Mechanic
1 — Garage Mechanic
1 — Shovel Operator
5 — General Foremen
2 — Supervisory Foremen
16 — Skilled Laborers
22 — Semi Skilled Laborers
10 — General Laborers
11 — Common Laborers
1 — Dump Caretaker and 1 Assistant

88 — Total

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Frank L. Cheney, *Town Engineer*

Surveys, computations, record plans and estimates of assessments to be levied were made on eight streets which were accepted by the Town under Article 38 of the Annual Town Meeting.

Contract plans were made of these streets which were let out to contract, and lines and grades given on other streets reconstructed.

Engineering surveys have been made and profiles have been taken on 13 streets, or portion of streets proposed for acceptance by the Town in 1954.

Engineering surveys, profiles, plans and studies necessary for the construction of various sewers and drains have been made, together with descriptions and taking plans of various easements required through private properties.

After completion of construction, 35 record sewer assessment plans have been made and assessments computed for sewers installed. 22 record drain plans were made of drains installed in various ways.

Lines and grades have been given for the construction of sidewalks together with the computation of assessments to be levied for walks constructed under the Betterment Act. Studies have been made, also lines and grades furnished for other public walks and curbs constructed in the Town.

Fifteen new assessor plans were made and ten others were brought up-to-date and reprinted. There is considerably more work to be done on assessors plans caused by the new layout of Route 128, adjacent access roads and new developments.

Other engineering services include drafting sewer house connections cards, accident surveys and plans, checking building permit applications, and surveys and plans for proposed stop-and-enter signs. Five new house numbering plans were made and house numbers were assigned for each new building when the permits were presented for approval.

Information has been given other Town departments, private engineers, surveyors, title examiners, attorneys and other persons when requested concerning street lines, sub-divisions, zoning and other available engineering data.

FORESTRY DIVISION

Robert L. Yokes, *Deputy Tree Warden, Moth Superintendent*

The year of 1953 has been an extremely busy one for the Forestry Division due to the severe ice and windstorms along with the drought. A great deal of time and money was spent on tree surgery and trimming in order to save as many of the trees as possible. All trees made unsafe by these conditions were removed.

During the year, the regular program of tree surgery, trimming, fertilization, spraying and the removal of diseased and dead trees has been carried on.

Over 300 trees of different species have been planted this year. The following trees were chosen for hardiness, resistance to disease and insects as well as

beauty; Norway, Sugar and Swedler Maples, European Mountain Ash, European Littleleaf Linden and Sycamore

Between the years of 1951-1953, the spread of the dread "Dutch Elm" disease has shown a substantial decrease each year. This is due to the use of a dormant spray by helicopter each spring along with foliage spray by truck. The addition of new equipment for speedy removal of infected trees has also enabled the Division to reduce the spread of the disease. By the continuation of the spray and removal program, the Division hopes to show a further decrease of this disease to our elm trees.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

EDMUND A. SYMONDS, *Assistant Divisional Superintendent*

During 1953 the Sewer Department undertook a huge expansion program in an attempt to partially catch up with the rapid growth of the Town.

A record number of 329 new sewer connections totaling 19,129 feet of pipe were made. In the Fuller Brook area where the sewer mains were completed during 1953, 66 of a possible 84 connections were made.

A new sewer pumping station on Great Plain Avenue was put in service and construction was started on another new station on Alden Road.

Over seven miles of new gravity sewer mains ranging in size from 8″ to 18″ were installed.

The engineering work has been completed for the new Birds Hill main sewer which will be constructed in conjunction with the new route 128. This sewer will extend from Great Plain Avenue at the Dedham line to Kendrick Street and will eventually serve the easterly sections of the Town. Construction is expected to start during 1954.

WATER DIVISION

ROGER G. OAKMAN, *Divisional Superintendent*

The Facilities of the Water Division have been taxed to its limit to meet the demands of its consumers in supplying water and in the requests for the extension of water mains and house services in the new homes and industrial areas.

Two main reinforcement projects were completed:

1. The installation of a new 12″ line in Webster Street between Great Plain Avenue and Morton Street.
2. The completion of a 12″ main from the standpipe on Ryans Hill directly to the Industrial Area via streets in Carleeta Park area and along Reservoir Street.

Negotiations are being carried on between the officials of the City of Newton and the Town of Needham to develop a plan whereby Needham may purchase water from Newton during dry periods in the summer months.

Engineering studies are being continued to determine which is the best plan for Needham to pursue in developing its future water supply. The following plans are being studied:

1. Establishment of new pumping facilities and the taking of water from Newton's well field located in Needham south of Kendrick Street between the new 128 and the Charles River. (Newton will abandon this supply in a few years.)
2. Further development of our present supply in the Charles River section of Needham with a new well, pumping station and a parallel water distribution line from the pumping station to the Needham Heights area.
3. Consideration should be given to a study of the Metropolitan District Commission whereby there may be a new trunk line developed to carry water from the M.D.C. Norumbega Reservoir via, or adjacent to, Route 128, to supply water for the towns of Wellesley, Needham, Dedham, Westwood, Norwood and others in the southwesterly part of the Metropolitan Area.

Further curtailment in the use of water for sprinkling of lawns will be required until a supplementary supply of water is obtained.

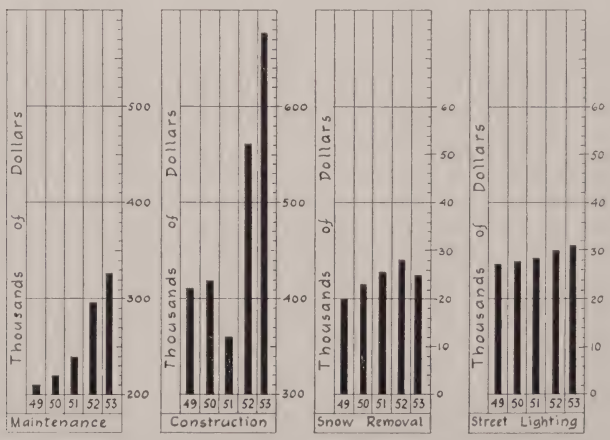
We are recommending that the 6″ line in Central Avenue from Marked Tree Road running towards West Street be replaced with a 12″ pipe line.

There was a total of 29,641 feet of mains installed in public and private streets, including 55 hydrants and 129 gate valves.

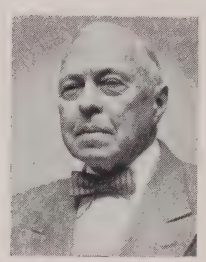
There was a total of 342 new services installed, a total distance of 26,137 feet of pipe including 7 new fire services and 12 private fire hydrants.

PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURES

(Graphs indicate 1949 to 1953 Expenditures under various Classifications)



Needham Housing Authority



Robert W. S. Cox, *Chairman*
Ralph Chambers, *Vice-Chairman*
Wilbar Whittemore, *Treasurer*
Leslie Wicken, *Assistant Treasurer*
Harmon Shufro
Helen E. Czarnowski, *Executive Director*

Six years have passed since the Needham Housing Authority was organized to plan for housing Needham Veterans of World War II. During this period our High Rock Veterans' Project has been built—a village of 80 single family dwellings, housing 80 families, including 185 children.

Before establishment of the Needham Housing Authority, the Dedham Avenue Project housed 24 families. Having served the purpose for which it was developed, time has arrived for its removal. Contracts for this work have been signed. On completion of the above Project, the Town of Needham will receive the approximate net earnings in the approximate amount of a little over four thousand dollars.

Payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of $2880.00 will be paid to the Town of Needham from the High Rock Veterans' Housing Project.

Although the Needham Housing Authority is under the direction and control of the State Housing Board, nevertheless, benefits derived from the Project are for Needham and Needham veterans. We now have what is regarded as one of the best veterans' housing projects in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This may be partially attributed, at least, to the unselfish, unrewarded time given by members of the Needham Housing Authority during its construction and now during its management

FAMILY OF THE LATE CHAIRMAN JOHN BOURNE MOSELEY AT MEMORIAL STONE DEDICATION WITH CHAIRMAN ROBERT W. S. COX *(right)*

Town Forest Committee

R. Douglas Lowden, *Chairman*

Evelyn B. Cobb, *Secretary* Gordon F. Healey

Needham is most fortunate to have within walking distance of the center of the Town, and of most of its schools, an area of 159 acres located in the High Rock section known as the Town Forest.

Much work has been done since the Town acquired this property and the Committee this year is diligently working to improve its value still further.

We propose to improve sections of roadways and to establish water holes for fire protection. The removal of brush from the trails and paths will be continued. Five thousand red pine and white pine seedlings have been ordered for planting this year in the Town Forest. The thinning of trees in certain areas is necessary and the Committee hopes to be able to salvage those which are merchantable.

A very short distance in from Robinwood Avenue a skating pond is available. More work is to be done here to improve this skating area.

A bird path is being mapped out by the Town Forest Committee. Steps will be taken to encourage the increase of the wild life and bird population in this area, as birds are a valuable asset in the control of insect life which is so destructive.

To develop our Town Forest and to maintain it with pride, it is the sincere hope of the Committee that all making use of its facilities will care for it as if it were their very own.

The Committee was represented at the 26th Annual Conference of the State Town Forest Committees held this year at the J. J. Shepherd Memorial Forest in Pembroke. In the afternoon they visited the Myles Standish State Forest in Duxbury and observed the work accomplished by the Prison Camp there. They were escorted through the forest by Mr. Charles L. Cherry, State District Forester.

HIGH ROCK DOMINATES THE TOWN FOREST WHATEVER THE SEASON.

Contributory Retirement Board

HAROLD A. SMITH, *Chairman*

FRANK L. CHENEY, *Secretary*

MELVILLE W. GRANT, *Town Accountant*

All employees of the Town, except school teachers who are covered by another system, must become members of the retirement system.

At the end of the year 1953, this system had funds of more than $372,000. This is by far the largest group of trust funds belonging to the Town, and a sound protection to the more than 300 employees of the Town. Monthly pensions to 41 retired employees are about $3,400.00.

In the year 1953 about $40,800 was paid out to pensioners or their families. Earnings on the investments have been sufficient in every year of operation to pay the state-established rate of interest on members' accumulated deductions without contribution from the Town's tax levy. Records of individual investments may be inspected at the Town Accountant's office.

Memorial Park Trustees

T. James Crossman, *Chairman*

Samuel D. Low — A. Bernhardt Richwagen

Amos H. Sheperdson — Lester C. Huse

	Employees Perm.	Employees Temp.	Budget and Special Art.	Expenditures
1933	1	0	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
1941	1	0	2,890.00	2,882.00
1951	1	1	7,665.00	7,665.00
1952	1	7	8,263.00	8,262.81
1953	1	1	10,406.65	10,190.50

Activities at Memorial Park increase each year. In the spring both baseball fields were busy with the practice and games of the High and Junior High Schools. The track meets of the High School were held on the quarter-mile cinder track. Graduation exercises of the High School, class of 1953, were again held on the Park.

Two carnivals were held—one in May by Manson Carter Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the other by Needham Post 14 of American Legion in June.

Memorial Park was again the principal scene of the July 4 celebration with an A. A. U. sponsored track meet. Others events and a fireworks display in the evening drew an estimated crowd of 15,000 spectators.

NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL IS THE MOST FREQUENT USER OF MEMORIAL PARK. HERE THE BAND PERFORMS AT A FOOTBALL GAME.

During the summer the baseball fields were used daily by the American Legion Juniors, C.Y.O., DeMolay and the Little League.

The American Legion Home was painted in the fall of 1953. Both football fields were used during the fall season by the High and Junior High Schools. Wet spring and summer drought made it extremely difficult to keep the turf at the standard to which we have been accustomed. The fields were sprayed for the control of Japanese beetles and weeds.

The Trustees were glad to cooperate with the High School Building Committee by giving them permission to carry their drains across the Park and to make connection with our established drains.

Mr. Harold Pike has capably performed all duties as Superintendent of Memorial Park.

Highlights of Committees

BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION

Myron E. Smith, *Chairman*

Following acceptance by the Special Town Meeting of November 10, 1952 of the preliminary plans for increasing the capacity of the Senior High School to 1500 pupils, the committee proceeded to secure working drawings and specifications for the work. Several conferences were held with Kilham, Hopkins, Greeley & Brodie, the committee's architects, together with their engineers on specific details of the construction. The Principal of the High School, Mr. Wm. F. Pollard and the various Department Heads were also frequently consulted during this planning stage.

Bids were invited in May, and the Edward R. Marden Corp., the low bidder, was awarded the contract. Ground was broken in June. The construction has proceeded in three major units:—A. the new cafeteria; B. the new gymnasium; and C. the new classroom wing. In addition, a new library, health room. music room, and study hall are included. The driveway from Webster Street has been relocated and a new entrance from Rosemary Street now provides access to an enlarged parking area. The four tennis courts have been completed.

Despite an unusually dry summer which presented quite a dust problem for adjacent property owners, the work has proceeded satisfactorily. As of the present date, Unit A is substantially completed, Unit B is practically ready for roofing and Unit C has foundation in and side-walls in progress. A fire in Unit C in December did superficial damage only. Some of the remodeling work in the old building was completed during the summer of 1953 but bulk of this work will be postponed until closing of the school sessions in June.

Unless unforeseen emergencies arise, it is expected that enlarged school will be ready for occupancy by the fall of 1954.

Finance Committee

Wm. G. Guernsey, *Chairman*
James W. Conners, *Vice-Chairman*
Conrad W. Frykberg, *Secretary*
William L. Burton — Arvid Corneliussen
William H. Gay — Waldo M. Hunt
H. Kent Crabtree — Frederick A. McDermott
Edmund W. Trowbridge

The Finance Committee, appointed by the Moderator, acts strictly in an advisory capacity and it is its custom and duty to recommend appropriations for the consideration of Town Meeting members at Annual and Special Town Meetings. The Massachusetts Law requires that each budgetary item of every Town department, as well as every article in the warrant, which is considered to have an appreciable effect on town finance, be examined with extreme care by the Finance Committee either giving or withholding approval.

Despite increased revenue received from the taxation of new buildings, added expenditures caused for providing new services and for servicing the existing debt have outrun the increased revenue. For instance, the debt service for 1953 was $266,437.50 and for 1954 $469,712.50. Under these circumstances a rise in the tax rate is inevitable.

The Finance Committee also has the full responsibility of administering the Reserve Fund, which amounted to $35,000 for the year 1953. The fund is established and appropriated by the voters at an Annual Town Meeting to cover extraordinary and unforeseeable expenditures for all Town departments. It is obvious that budgets submitted to the Committee in December of one year, may be slightly inadequate in December of the next year. The committee cannot grant a transfer from the Reserve Fund unless they are convinced that the request, which must be filed in triplicate by the department head, is for an extraordinary or unforeseen expenditure.

We have continued the policy of using sub-committees on all except the major budgets and the policy of visiting in advance of construction of the budget all major departments for the purpose of acquainting ourselves with their problems, particularly with the physical needs of each.

NEEDHAM BUILDING BY-LAW COMMITTEE

H. M. Johnson, *Chairman*

Revision of the Building By-Law Committee

The committee completed the drafting and initial revision of the Building By-Law at midyear. Stencils for duplication of a proposed final draft are now in preparation and should be complete early in February.

It is the committee's purpose to deliver this material to the Board of Selectmen for such further action as may be necessary.

SALARY AND WAGE COMMITTEE

Arthur T. Henderson, *Chairman*

The year 1953 was another busy year for the Salary and Wage Committee. Descriptions of all positions at the Glover Memorial Hospital were completed and consideration was given to the inclusion of many of these positions under the jurisdiction of the Salary and Wage Committee. It was decided, after a meeting with hospital officials, that this could be done but it would be better to wait until the third floor of the hospital has been opened and operated for a number of months. Under present plans the positions should be included starting January 1, 1955.

The Committee found that many of our rules and regulations should be "Town By-Laws." With this in mind a study of all rules and regulations was started with the idea of recodifying, and possibly revising, all rules so that these could be incorporated into a "Town Personnel By-Law." One of our members spent over 80 hours of his vacation time studying and comparing our rules and regulations with the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts and other States. Many hours of study have been spent by the Committee on this recodification and the new proposed "By-Law" is near completion. It seems best, at this time, to imprint the proposed By-Law, distribute it to all interested parties, live with it for some time and then include it in the Town Warrant in 1955.

Normal work of the Committee was carried on all year and many more hours were spent studying salaries of town employees and comparing these with amounts paid by other towns, and in private industry, so as to insure that our salaries would be comparable and fair to both employees and to the town.

Treasurer and Tax Collector

ARNOLD MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer and Tax Collector*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1933	3	$ 9,416.50	$ 9,567.90
1941	3	9,153.00	9,046.90
1951	2	12,146.00	12,121.46
1952	2	13,173.00	13,096.77
1953	2	14,348.00	13,649.59

At the risk of repetition, it again seems important to call attention to the Bonded Debt of the Town which is now at a new all time high. The increase in school debt includes borrowing for additions to the High School and High Rock School.

Total Debt for:

	December 31, 1952	December 31, 1953
Schools	$1,470,000.00	$3,495,000.00
Sewers	785,000.00	1,061,000.00
Streets	155,000.00	170,000.00
Hospital	375,000.00	350,000.00
Water Tank	20,000.00	15,000.00
	$2,805,000.00	$5,091,000.00

At the 1954 Town Meeting, it will be necessary to appropriate $369,000.00 for the repayment of principal and $100,712.50 for interest on the above bonds. The total of these two figures, $469,712.50 will account for over $10.00 in the 1954 tax rate.

Construction of the High School Addition was started during the summer of 1953, and as of August 1, 1953 bonds in the amount of $1,920,000.00, as voted by the Town, were sold. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 2.40% and were sold at 100.5699.

All of the above amount not being needed at once $1,500,000.00 has been invested in United States Treasury bills and as large an amount as possible will be kept invested until the High School is completed.

The 1953 tax levy was $2,116,447.89 including real estate, personal property and betterments added to taxes and on December 31, 1953, 97.97% of this amount had been paid. All 1953 poll taxes and all taxes prior to 1953 have been paid.

Town Accountant

MELVILLE W. GRANT, *Town Accountant*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1933	1	$ 2,484.25	$ 2,483.95
1941	2	4,715.00	4,579.84
1951	3	12,545.00	12,353.58
1952	3	14,898.56	14,898.35
1953	3	17,641.25	17,640.83

The cost of operating the Town of Needham continues to grow as the following reports show.

This year the Town of Needham purchased a Burroughs Sensimatic accounting machine. It is to be used jointly by the Accounting Dept. for keeping a payroll record of all employees and by the Water Dept. for billing the water accounts.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, the following reports are submitted. All reports are arranged in accordance with the classification prescribed by the Director of Accounts.

A detailed report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1953 is on file with the Board of Selectmen.

ACCOUNTING SERVICES ARE RENDERED IN THIS SPACIOUS SECOND FLOOR OFFICE IN TOWN HALL.

Where the Money Came From

	1953	1952
CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1	$1,042,845.76	$ 677,051.91
GENERAL REVENUE:		
Needham Taxes:		
Poll	$ 10,222.00	$ 10,020.00
Personal	91,835.14	81,310.52
Real	1,948,319.52	1,754,389.37
Chapter 59, Section 5A		577.60
Total Taxes	$2,050,376.66	$1,846,297.49
From State:		
Corporation Taxes	$ 112,187.91	$ 128,676.08
Income Taxes	86,500.51	80,838.31
School, Chapter 70	71,130.70	66,515.70
Adjustment Metropolitan Park 1949	3.34	
Total from State	$ 269,822.46	$ 276,030.09
Special Assessments:		
Added to Tax Bills:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	$ 206,032.07	$ 188,890.39
Sewer	19,334.98	12,842.10
Sewer House Connections	5,621.63	5,072.62
Sidewalk	420.61	274.36
Street	7,613.86	4,536.77
Paid in Advance:		
Sewer	37,947.25	36,980.40
Sewer House Connections	31,032.29	14,189.35
Sidewalk	5,757.92	2,272.32
Street	14,389.50	16,467.80
Total Special Assessments	$ 328,150.11	$ 281,526.11
Court Fines: District Court, North Norfolk	$ 933.00	$ 423.00
Permits and Licenses	958.50	1,054.25
Taxes on Land for Water Purposes:		
Brookline, Newton, Wellesley and State	2,245.95	2,148.30
Total Fines, Permits and Water Land Taxes	$ 4,137.45	$ 3,625.55
Grants and Gifts:		
County:		
Dog Tax and Highway Fund, Roads Chapter 90, Construction	$ 3,866.87	$ 2,414.13
Federal Government:		
Aid to Dependent Children	1,767.41	3,570.93
Disability Assistance	6,512.40	4,923.57
General Relief		148.97
Old Age Assistance	52,110.59	43,227.80
Individuals:		
Estate, Richard Fry		1,801.12
State:		
Adult Civic Education	144.00	216.00
Highway Fund, Roads, Chapter 90	1,337.08	
Meal Tax	2,221.70	2,877.20
Real Estate Taxes—Paraplegics	7,789.25	
School Construction Aid, Chapter 645-1948	13,147.31	20,709.87
School Transportation	13,430.27	3,810.56
Total Grant and Gifts	$ 102,326.88	$ 83,700.15

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM — Continued

	1953	1952
DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS:		
Board of Appeals—Hearing Costs	$ 357.89	$ 412.53
Dog Officer—Sale of Unclaimed Dogs		9.00
Glover Memorial Hospital:		
Services	280,979.49	260,422.54
Laboratory	4,853.90	4,261.00
X-Ray	33,736.35	30,085.25
Miscellaneous	464.93	375.98
Blue Cross Advance Payments	2,994.00	2,019.00
Health—Communicable Diseases, Dog Clinic, Individuals and Cess Pool Fees	1,981.46	1,076.35
Inspection — Building, Gas, Wiring Fees and Sale of Building By-Laws	15,007.75	10,702.81
Library—Fines, Lost and Damaged Books, Registration Fees and Sale of Junk	2,752.14	2,505.35
Needham Housing Authority—Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Income, Dedham Ave.	7,412.49	5,972.15
Police—Ambulance Services, Bicycle Fees and Revolver Permits	709.50	813.00
Public Works — Sale of Maps, Rental of Equipment, Rental of Real Estate, Cleaning House Connections	1,339.31	1,476.49
Salvage Contract	2,400.00	
Recreation — Rosemary Beach and Playground Receipts	1,602.27	1,446.67
School:		
Rental of Auditoriums	960.00	380.00
Tuition from Cities and Towns, Individuals and State	2,215.85	1,951.76
Telephone, Breakage, Lost Book, etc.	360.40	434.84
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Fees	330.05	257.65
Town Clerk—Permits, Certificates, Licenses and Fees	6,776.00	6,032.55
Town Hall and Grounds — Rental of Town Hall and Miscellaneous Receipts	8.80	276.75
Treasurer and Tax Collector—Tax Titles, Sale of Land, Rental of Town Property	1,920.25	15,273.54
Parking Meter Receipts	9,726.20	10,578.40
Veterans' Services—Reimbursement from State	12,004.34	15,055.67
Water:		
Rates	126,788.73	117,906.64
Repairs	1,656.38	1,384.68
New Services	10,607.85	6,242.34
Connection Fees	22,931.73	14,898.79
Miscellaneous Receipts	886.85	513.61
Liens	299.10	232.18
Deposits—Connection Fees		1,478.00
Welfare:		
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Receipts from State	1,384.23	2,738.90
Disability Assistance:		
Receipts from State	6,035.25	3,080.46
General Relief Assistance:		
Receipts from Cities and Towns	1,303.70	865.80
Receipts from State	684.34	2,271.52
Old Age Assistance:		
Receipts from Cities and Towns	3,801.59	1,913.68
Receipts from State	44,871.25	41,273.73
Recoveries from Individuals	3,676.08	5,269.40
Total Departmental Receipts	$ 615,820.45	$ 571,889.01

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM — Continued

	1953	1952
SCHOOL FUNDS:		
Athletic Funds—Receipts Senior and Junior High Schools	$ 7,505.14	$ 12,356.05
Cafeteria Receipts—All Schools	76,545.92	63,813.53
Commonwealth of Mass.—School Lunch Program	20,225.37	17,192.05
Total School Funds	$ 104,276.43	$ 93,361.63
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:		
Loans Authorized:		
Broadmeadow School—Principal, Premium and Interest		$ 669,810.91
High Rock School Addition—Principal, Premium and Interest	$ 190,314.13	
Senior High School Addition—Principal, Premium and Interest	1,822,487.60	
Senior High School Remodeling and Reconstruction—Principal, Premium and Interest	110,760.23	
Sewer Construction 1952 — Principal, Premium and Interest		151,049.67
Sewer Construction, Fuller Brook Area—Principal, Premium and Interest		241,679.47
Sewer Construction 1953 — Principal, Premium and Interest	191,286.16	
Sewer Construction 1953, Birds Hill—Principal, Premium and Interest	171,196.07	
Streets Construction 1952 — Principal, Premium and Interest		100,699.78
Streets Construction 1953 — Principal, Premium and Interest	35,241.13	
Total Municipal Indebtedness	$2,521,285.32	$1,163,239.83
TEMPORARY LOANS:		
Anticipation Serial Sales:		
Broadmeadow School		$ 25,000.00
High Rock School Addition	$ 50,000.00	
Senior High School Addition	200,000.00	
Total Temporary Loans	$ 250,000.00	$ 25,000.00
BONDS MATURED:		
U. S. Treasury Bills	$1,492,421.50	
Interest	7,578.50	
Total Bonds Matured	$1,500,000.00	
INTEREST:		
Betterments, Sewer, Sewer House Connections and Street	$ 10,612.91	$ 7,149.54
Motor Vehicle Excise	125.31	58.37
Poll, Personal and Real	1,107.32	1,122.81
Tax Titles	4.23	34.98
War Salvage Fund	131.66	129.14
Total Interest	$ 11,981.43	$ 8,494.84
COSTS:		
Poll, Personal, Real and Motor Vehicle Excise	$ 719.35	$ 562.50

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM — Continued

	1953	1952
TRUST FUNDS:		
Income	$ 2,836.63	$ 2,885.41
REFUNDS:		
Needham Housing Authority	$ 3,388.85	
Miscellaneous	672.82	$ 1,827.84
Total Refunds	$ 4,061.67	$ 1,827.84
TRANSFERS:		
Post War Rehabilitation Fund to Water Construction, Mains and Services		$ 4,134.12
War Salvage Fund to Honor Roll Maintenance		200.00
Total Transfers		$ 4,334.12
TAILINGS:		
Unclaimed Checks		$ 21.90
WITHHOLDING TAXES:		
Withheld from Employees	$ 217,006.10	$ 192,535.27
Total	$9,025,646.70	$5,232,383.65

Where the Money Went

	1953	1952
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Finance Committee—Salary and Expenses	$ 1,847.33	$ 1,972.25
Selectmen—Salaries, Expenses and Town Meetings	3,574.52	3,598.15
Selectmen—Civil Defense	3,818.31	3,764.99
Selectmen—Remodeling Town Hall Auditorium	288.50	9,423.50
Selectmen—Repainting and Repairs, Fire and Police Stations	2,429.50	
Accounting—Salaries, Expenses and Equipment	17,640.83	14,898.35
Treasurer and Tax Collector—Salaries, Expenses, Bonds and Tax Title Expenses	13,649.59	13,132.14
Town Clerk—Salaries, Expenses and Fees	7,672.32	7,460.97
Election and Registration—Salaries, Expenses, Tellers and Canvassers	8,836.83	12,521.03
Assessors—Salaries, Expenses, Equipment, Card System and Travel Out of State	17,315.95	15,082.60
Legal—Salary, Expenses and Damages	4,193.82	4,382.86
Town Hall and Grounds—Salaries and Expenses	13,388.71	12,226.17
Town Hall and Grounds—Vault Installation	2,785.64	
Board of Appeals—Salaries and Expenses	1,171.07	1,213.60
Planning Board—Salary and Expenses	2,476.63	2,709.68
Salary and Wage Board—Salaries and Expenses	299.03	349.40
Total General Government	$ 101,388.58	$ 102,735.69

WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

	1953	1952
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:		
Police Department:		
Salaries	$ 123,081.40	$ 119,186.66
Expenses	17,573.07	18,080.91
New Equipment	3,509.30	2,894.68
Addition to Garage	1,791.95	243.00
Total Police Department	$ 145,955.72	$ 140,405.25
Fire Department:		
Salaries	$ 145,757.42	$ 130,907.96
Expenses	15,078.16	16,033.25
New Equipment	10,483.00	27,494.50
Total Fire Department	$ 171,318.58	$ 174,435.71
New Fire Station—Needham Heights		$ 40.00
Miscellaneous Protection:		
Fire Alarm—Salaries, Expenses and Specials	$ 16,538.25	$ 11,019.40
Forest Warden—Salaries, Expenses and Forest Patrol	595.33	599.27
Inspection—Salaries, Expenses and Transportation	16,271.02	15,689.75
Animal Inspector—Salary and Transportation	523.98	540.80
Dog Officer—Salary	500.00	708.35
Sealer of Weights and Measures—Salary, Expenses and Transportation	1,509.92	1,491.05
Total Miscellaneous Protection	$ 35,938.50	$ 30,048.62
HEALTH AND SANITATION:		
Health—Salaries, Expenses, Equipment and Tuberculosis X-ray	$ 12,735.40	$ 10,550.72
Hospitalization	4,000.00	3,464.02
Garbage Removal	17,833.33	10,500.00
Mosquito Control	5,651.13	5,310.00
Union Survey		106.00
Total Health	$ 40,219.86	$ 29,930.74
Sanitation:		
Drains Construction	$ 65,471.61	$ 53,684.13
Sewer Construction, Art. 34/52	41,021.91	152,650.95
Sewer Construction, Art. 27/53	128,626.23	
Sewer Construction, Birds Hill, Art. 28/53	6,071.87	
Sewer Construction, Fuller Brook Area	161,104.14	96,008.96
Sewer Betterments		410.00
Sewer House Connections	40,039.60	28,498.87
Total Sanitation	$ 442,335.36	$ 331,252.91

WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

	1953	1952
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:		
Salaries, Wages and Maintenance Expenses	$ 278,864.81	$ 263,515.15
Dutch Elm Disease	2,349.47	3,589.13
Equipment—Additional	20,594.00	2,100.00
Equipment—Replacements	11,650.00	14,382.35
Fuller Brook Cleaning	700.00	285.80
Highway Specific Repairs	10,218.08	7,482.39
Moth Control	4,941.75	4,834.26
Park Improvements	1,398.75	1,452.81
Parking Meters	212.29	99.64
Parking Lot—Railroad	189.50	6,716.99
Parking Lot—Ryan		248.46
Poison Ivy Control	494.14	565.15
Roads, Chapter 90	3,000.00	1,011.25
Rosemary Beach and Lake Maintenance	2,835.22	3,973.82
Sidewalk Construction	9,279.42	6,955.92
Sidewalk Construction—Great Plain Ave.	5,453.39	
Sidewalk Betterments		98.28
Snow Removal	24,986.49	28,616.52
Streets Construction	50,819.59	84,827.98
Street Lighting	31,558.50	30,000.00
Street Lights—Installation		711.66
Town Dump, Purchase of Land, Easement, Expenses and Equipment		1,045.48
Town Forest	1,000.00	1,495.00
Town Ways—Alterations and Reconstruction		2,177.51
Traffic Signals—Needham Heights Square	2,198.90	
Travel—Out of State	400.00	300.00
Total Public Works	$ 463,144.30	$ 466,485.55
WATER DEPARTMENT:		
Water Construction—Mains and Services	$ 142,275.51	$ 111,685.55
Water Supply—Study	3,809.27	
Water Tank Installation	305.40	1,086.41
Painting Standpipe—Birds Hill		65.20
Total Water Department	$ 146,390.18	$ 112,837.16
PUBLIC WELFARE:		
General Relief—Salaries and Expenses	$ 1,289.11	$ 2,310.99
General Relief—Assistance	4,801.01	7,726.42
Old Age Assistance—Salaries and Expenses	9,698.29	8,803.51
Old Age Assistance—Assistance	112,773.93	102,505.04
Aid to Dependent Children—Salaries and Expenses	748.56	1,191.68
Aid to Dependent Children—Assistance	3,175.50	6,750.89
Disability Assistance—Salaries and Expenses	1,361.62	954.21
Disability Assistance—Assistance	13,981.87	11,423.07
Total Public Welfare	$ 147,829.89	$ 141,665.81
VETERANS' SERVICES:		
Veterans' Services—Salaries, Expenses and Transportation	$ 6,910.10	$ 6,756.43
Veterans' Benefits	24,370.53	29,610.62
Total Veterans' Services	$ 31,280.63	$ 36,367.05

WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

	1953	1952
SCHOOL:		
Salaries	$ 708,114.85	$ 600,062.99
Auxiliary Agencies	12,200.15	8,573.23
Expenses of Instructions	38,269.78	35,017.24
General Control	2,648.14	2,290.64
Maintenance	49,812.36	49,380.15
Operating Expenses	43,420.56	39,732.63
Outlay	25,811.86	8,894.80
Travel—Out of State	486.80	267.16
Transportation, Pupils	28,707.68	23,569.54
Vocational Tuition	3,613.05	3,051.12
Adult Civic Education	410.81	409.14
Total School	$ 913,496.04	$ 771,248.64
Study Additional School Needs	$ 400.00	$ 95.96
School Funds:		
Athletic Expenses—Senior and Junior High	$ 7,613.11	$ 9,687.22
Cafeteria Expenses	100,106.41	82,127.06
Total School Funds	$ 107,719.52	$ 91,814.28
Special School Accounts:		
Broadmeadow School—Salaries and Expenses 1952		$ 11,804.00
High Rock School—Salaries and Expenses 1952		8,997.55
Total Special Accounts		$ 20,801.55
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION:		
Avery School—Playgrounds	$ 5,865.23	
Broadmeadow School—Plans and Specifications	241.18	$ 1.68
Broadmeadow School—Construction	210,979.96	479,033.80
Broadmeadow School—Drains	4,722.06	
Dwight School Addition—Construction	1,192.90	27,693.60
Dwight School—Repair and Reconstruction	167.57	357.16
Dwight School—Repairs, Replacement, Furniture and Equipment	94.23	1,257.21
Dwight School—Improvement of Site and Grounds		1,482.96
Dwight School—Purchase of Kitchen Equipment	982.00	5,409.47
Harris School District—Plans and Specifications		87.96
High Rock School—Construction	4,306.34	171,100.90
High Rock School—Playgrounds	301.28	
High Rock School Addition—Plans and Specifications	6,762.52	
High Rock School Addition—Construction	142,637.88	
William Mitchell and Stephen Palmer Schools—Playgrounds	6,180.87	
Stephen Palmer School—Cafeteria	119.31	9,409.32
Senior High School Addition—Plans and Specifications	39.36	3,265.12
Senior High School Addition—Construction	825,560.68	
Senior High School Addition—Remodeling and Reconstruction	24,775.14	
Total School Construction	$1,234,928.51	$ 699,099.18

WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

	1953	1952
LIBRARY:		
Salaries	$ 25,573.40	$ 23,358.14
Bindings, Expenses and Supplies	2,879.80	1,848.16
Books and Periodicals	8,197.71	7,498.89
Building Maintenance	4,530.31	2,864.96
Branch Library—Rent	1,000.00	1,000.00
Travel, Out of State	25.20	99.89
John B. Tolman Fund	784.56	294.85
William H. Wye Fund		45.00
Total Library	$ 42,990.98	$ 37,009.89
GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:		
Salaries	$ 224,353.47	$ 214,790.58
Building Maintenance	26,532.75	26,807.08
Expenses	8,363.18	8,169.28
Equipment and Supplies	85,508.33	82,716.93
Pathological—Pathologist and X-ray	17,893.28	16,423.12
Travel, Out of State	300.00	300.00
Total Glover Memorial Hospital	$ 362,951.01	$ 349,206.99
RECREATION:		
Memorial Park:		
Salaries and Expenses	$ 9,230.50	$ 8,277.06
Grading		694.29
New Equipment	960.00	
Recreation:		
Salaries	13,741.50	13,934.00
Building Maintenance		862.12
Equipment and Supplies		1,889.27
Services	4,115.90	
Special Expenses	503.55	1,789.14
River Park Playgrounds	1,458.53	
Total Recreation	$ 30,009.98	$ 27,445.88
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Annuities—Gaughan, Haddock and McLeod	$ 4,135.02	$ 4,135.00
Annuity—Chapter 32, Section 58—Frost	1,527.50	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	800.00	800.00
Committee—Building By-Laws		49.95
Contributory Retirement—Contribution	33,522.00	33,114.38
Contributory Retirement—Expenses	550.00	550.00
Honor Roll Maintenance		125.00
Honor Roll—Repairs 1951		234.09
Insurance Premiums	43,027.60	25,862.71
Memorial Day Expenses	423.63	435.07
Parking Meters—Final Payment		5,921.12
Purchase of Land:		
Herbert W. and Mae M. Firth		1,000.00
Alma Suren Brewster		2,937.00
H. W. Gould and E. W. Starret, Jr.	716.00	
Josephine L. Lapien		895.00
Emily A. E. Muller	200.00	
Frederick B. Philbrick	4,700.00	
Paul E. Richwagen		3,536.00
N. Y., N. H. and H. Railroad		14,600.00
Irene M. Rowe		1,200.00
Needham Real Estate Associates		15.00
Evan C. and Josephine B. Thorpe		3,242.00

WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

	1953	1952
Town Reports	3,281.99	3,275.03
Town Property—Betterments	11,623.34	
Town Property—Tax Payments	293.45	
Unclassified—Miscellaneous Expenses	328.32	448.80
Unpaid Bill—Prior Years	784.11	87.62
Total Miscellaneous	$ 105,912.96	$ 102,463.77
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:		
Maturing Debt	$ 219,000.00	$ 145,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	44,937.50	34,455.00
Total Municipal Indebtedness	$ 263,937.50	$ 179,455.00
OTHER EXPENDITURES:		
Norfolk County Hospital	$ 27,966.20	$ 24,967.19
Norfolk County Tax	54,870.03	51,237.03
Refunds and Transfers	36,940.20	21,299.27
State Tax and Assessments	59,216.51	58,296.09
U. S. Treasury Bills	2,986,867.50	
Withholding Tax	237,051.75	188,892.68
Total Other Expenses	$3,402,912.19	$ 344,692.26
Total Expenditures for the Year	$8,191,060.29	$4,189,537.89
Cash on Hand December 31	834,586.41	$1,042,845.76
Total	$9,025,646.70	$5,232,383.65

DEBT STATEMENT

Also Amounts from Principals and Interest During Year 1954

	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1952	Paid in 1953	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953	Principal Due in 1954	Interest Due in 1954
Broadmeadow School, 1952-72	$ 665,000.00	$ 35,000.00	$ 630,000.00	$ 35,000.00	$ 9,800.00
Dwight School Add. 1951-70	80,000.00	5,000.00	75,000.00	5,000.00	1,050.00
High Rock School (O.D.L.) 1951-71	95,000.00	5,000.00	90,000.00	5,000.00	1,487.50
High Rock School 1951-71	260,000.00	15,000.00	245,000.00	15,000.00	4,037.50
High Rock School Add. 1953-72			190,000.00	10,000.00	3,800.00
William Mitchell School 1950-69	370,000.00	25,000.00	345,000.00	25,000.00	6,037.50
Hospital Addition 1947-67	375,000.00	25,000.00	350,000.00	25,000.00	5,250.00
Senior High School Add. 1953-72			1,810,000.00	100,000.00	43,440.00
Senior High School—Remodeling and Reconstruction 1953-72			110,000.00	15,000.00	2,640.00
Sewer Construction 1924-55	15,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	300.00
Sewer Construction 1947-57	95,000.00	19,000.00	76,000.00	19,000.00	950.00
Sewer Construction 1948-58	120,000.00	20,000.00	100,000.00	20,000.00	1,750.00
Sewer Construction 1949-79	135,000.00	5,000.00	130,000.00	5,000.00	2,275.00
Sewer Construction 1950-58	30,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00	350.00
Sewer Construction 1952-62	150,000.00	15,000.00	135,000.00	15,000.00	2,160.00
Sewer Construction, Fuller Brook Dist. 1952-72	240,000.00	15,000.00	225,000.00	15,000.00	3,600.00
Sewer Construction 1953-72			360,000.00	20,000.00	8,640.00
Streets Construction 1946-56	20,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	187.50
Streets Construction 1951-59	35,000.00	5,000.00	30,000.00	5,000.00	467.50
Streets Construction 1952-62	100,000.00	10,000.00	90,000.00	10,000.00	1,440.00
Streets Construction 1953-60			35,000.00	5,000.00	840.00
Water Storage Tank 1950-56	20,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	210.00
Total	$2,805,000.00	$219,000.00	$5,091,00.00	$369,000.00	$100,712.50

BALANCE SHEET — December 31, 1953

General Accounts

Assets

CASH ON HAND—DECEMBER 31, 1953		$ 834,586.41
Cash in Savings Bank		
Blue Cross Advance Payment		11,223.00
United States Treasury Bills		1,494,446.00
ADVANCES FOR PETTY CASH:		
Health	$ 10.00	
Hospital	100.00	
Library	20.00	
School, Senior High	50.00	
School Superintendent's Office	50.00	
Tax Collector	100.00	
Town Clerk	35.00	
Treasurer	50.00	
Veterans' Service	50.00	
Welfare	10.00	
		475.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		
Taxes 1952:		
Real		237.30
Taxes 1953:		
Personal	$ 2,382.80	
Real	37,921.68	
Chapter 59, Section 5A	284.80	
		40,589.28
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:		
Taxes 1953		3,914.62
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:		
Sidewalk:		
Added to Taxes 1953	$ 29.01	
Unapportioned	2,883.36	
		2,912.37

Liabilities and Reserves

RESERVE FOR PETTY CASH		$ 475.00
TRUST FUND INCOME:		
Barr, Library Fund	$ 12.50	
Dwight, School Fund	166.81	
T. Otis Fuller, Hospital Fund	787.75	
Richard Fry, Memorial Fund	806.62	
Greenwood, Library Fund	388.26	
Lyon, Hospital Fund	578.28	
Mary E. Moseley, Hospital Fund	646.95	
John B. Tolman, Library Fund	2,283.99	
William H. Wye, Library Fund	81.05	
		5,752.21
BLUE CROSS ADVANCE PAYMENT — RESERVE		11,223.00
DOG LICENSES:		
Due County		127.20
EXCESS, SALE OF LAND:		
Chapter 60, Section 79		81.22
INCOME ACCOUNT:		
War Salvage Fund		230.98
LOANS AUTHORIZED, PREMIUMS:		
Sewer Construction, Art. 27/53	$ 1,082.81	
Sewer Construction, Birds Hill	968.83	
Senior High Addition	3,315.20	
Senior High, Remodeling and Reconstruction	626.89	
Streets Construction	199.46	
		6,193.19
LOANS AUTHORIZED, ACCRUED INTEREST:		
High Rock School, Addition		63.33

Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1953—*continued*

Assets

Street:		
Added to Taxes 1953		519.01
Sewer:		
Added to Taxes 1953	$ 1,133.01	
Unapportioned	119,940.56	
		121,073.57
Sewer House Connections:		
Added to Taxes 1953	$ 57.95	
Unapportioned	22,842.82	
		22,900.77
Committed Interest:		
Added to Taxes 1953		198.82
Sewer Committed Interest:		
Added to Taxes 1953		502.44
TAX TITLES AND POSSESSIONS:		
Tax Titles	$ 1,053.29	
Tax Possessions	835.44	
		1,888.73
DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		
Health	$ 1,401.50	
Hospital, Laboratory	173.00	
Hospital, Services	44,872.43	
Hospital, X-Ray	6,234.40	
Police	146.00	
Public Works	772.33	
School	1,373.87	
Veterans' Benefits	4,166.41	
Welfare, Aid Dependent Children	187.74	
		59,327.68
WATER:		
Water, Rates	$ 20,165.05	
Water, Repairs	68.28	
Water, New Services	941.49	
Water, Connection Fees	2,624.55	
Water, Liens (Added to Taxes 1953)	208.90	
Water, Miscellaneous	8.00	
		24,016.27

Liabilities and Reserves

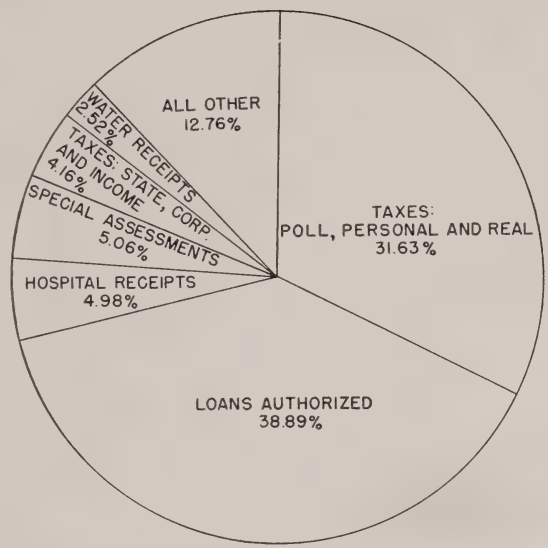
OVERLAY, RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS:		
Overlay 1953		2,974.82
OVERLAY SURPLUS, RESERVE FUND		3,121.05
PARKING METER, RECEIPTS		20,929.11
RESERVE SALE OF REAL ESTATE		14,750.00
REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	$ 3,914.62	
Special Assessments:		
Committed Interest	198.82	
Sewer	121,073.57	
Sewer Committed Interest	502.44	
Sewer House Connections	22,900.77	
Sidewalks	2,912.37	
Streets	519.01	
Departmental	59,327.68	
Tax Titles	1,053.29	
Tax Possessions	835.44	
Taxes on Deceased Persons	284.80	
Water	24,016.27	
		237,539.08
SEWER ASSESSMENT RECEIPTS RESERVE:		
Sewer Construction Reserve Fund		68,209.85
SURPLUS REVENUE:		
Excess and Deficiency		369,599.50
TAILINGS, UNCLAIMED CHECKS		21.90
WATER DEPOSITS, CONNECTION FEES		2,036.14
WELFARE RECOVERIES:		
Old Age Assistance		3,676.08

REVENUE 1954:

Committed in 1953	22,446.56

OVERLAY:

Deficit 1952	395.40

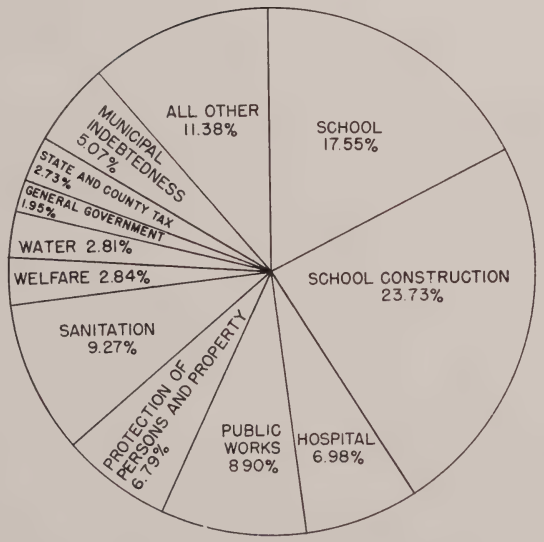


WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM IN 1953

APPROPRIATION UNEXPENDED BALANCES:

Selectmen, Town Hall Auditorium	$ 288.00
Selectmen, Painting Fire and Police Station Building	1,001.50
Selectmen, Repairs Fire and Police Station Building	769.00
Town Clerk, Expenses	65.00
Assessor, Card System	6.88
Town Hall and Grounds, Vault Installation	14.36
Town Planning Board, Expenses	750.00
Police, Addition to Garage	188.75
Police and Fire, Purchase Auxiliary Generator	379.78
Fire, George Dean Fund	20.09
Health, Union Survey Committee	191.00
Drains Construction	558.77
Sewer Construction, Art. 34/52	31,817.28
Sewer Construction, Art. 27/53	96,373.77
Sewer Construction, Birds Hill	193,928.13
Sewer Construction, Fuller Brook	4,755.07
Highway Specific Repairs	14,714.62
Railroad Parking Lot	592.61
Sidewalks Construction	720.58
Sidewalk Construction, Art. 30/53	816.61
Streets Construction	30,588.87
Street Lights, Installation	775.88
Water Supply Study	3,190.73
Water Tank Installation	1,353.06
Water, Painting Standpipe	126.65
School, Adult Civic Education	89.74
Stephen Palmer School, Cafeteria	298.37
Avery School Playgrounds	134.77
William Mitchell and Stephen Palmer Playgrounds	819.13
George Dean Fund	61.50
Study Additional School Needs	51.80
Broadmeadow School:	
Construction	5,855.72
Drains	77.94

Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1953—*continued*



HOW YOUR MONEY WAS SPENT IN 1953

Dwight School:	
Construction of Addition	2,732.61
Repairs and Reconstruction	2,421.97
Repairs, Replacement, Furniture and Equipment	1,820.67
Purchase Kitchen Equipment	608.53
Site Improvement	25.24
High Rock School:	
Construction, Original Building	1,655.41
High Rock School, Addition:	
Plans and Specifications	3,237.48
Construction	110,162.12
Playground, Construction	10,198.72
Senior High School Addition:	
Plans and Specifications	416.12
Construction	1,198,439.32
Remodeling and Reconstruction	129,224.86
School Athletic Funds:	
Senior High	3,632.14
Junior High	256.86
School Cafeteria Funds	3.59
Hospital Accounts 1954:	
Salaries	9,777.56
Building Maintenance	939.00
Equipment and Supplies	4,397.00
Expenses and Services	434.00
X-Ray and Laboratory	975.00
Capital Outlay	5,924.00
Recreation:	
Cricket Field, Improvement	500.00
River Park Playgrounds	441.47
Committees:	
Study Building By-Laws	250.05
Insurance Study	180.00
Special Park and Recreation	1,000.00
Honor Roll, Maintenance	910.09
Land Takings:	
Babson Park	41.69
James A. Massic	520.00

		Suburban Realty Trust	5,000.00
		Acquisition of Land, Eminent Domain:	
		Anne G. Baxter	1,000.00
		Needham Real Estate Assoc.	1.00
		Easement Over Land:	
		E. C. Thorpe et al	3.00
		Purchase of Land:	
		F. B. Philbrick	100.00
		H. S. Baldelli	600.00
		T. Moffatt	3,799.00
		Purchase of Land, River Park	803.74
		Railroad, Right of Way	1.00
			1,893,809.20
		Norfolk County Tax:	
		Overestimate 1953	5.67
		Norfolk County Hospital:	
		Overestimate 1953	208.14
		State Tax and Assessments:	
		Overestimate	626.56
TOTAL	$2,641,653.23	TOTAL	$2,641,653.23

Kenneth W. Webb, who has contributed immeasurably to the Town Report for several years, recently won an Award of Merit for having written one of the five best news stories in 1953 appearing in New England Weekly Newspapers. This is one more indication of the ability and talent produced in Needham.

Special Accounts

Deferred Revenue, Investment Fund Accounts, Debt Accounts and Trust Funds

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

Apportioned Assessments Due:

	Sidewalk	Street	Sewer	Sewer House Connections
Due in 1953			$ 3,327.79	
Due in 1954	$108.26	$ 7,300.35	18,166.06	$ 4,931.69
Due in 1955	108.26	7,300.35	18,096.99	4,763.13
Due in 1956	108.26	7,300.35	18,063.47	4,667.94
Due in 1957	108.26	7,300.35	18,056.02	4,423.63
Due in 1958	83.19	5,123.44	16,647.80	3,728.28
Due in 1959	13.37	5,123.44	15,338.53	3,196.99
Due in 1960		4,473.07	12,834.24	2,391.82
Due in 1961		3,875.26	8,997.50	1,587.22
Due in 1962		3,869.78	7,835.13	990.65
Total Apportioned Assessment Not Due	$529.60	$51,666.39	$137,363.53	$30,681.35

INVESTMENT FUND ACCOUNTS:

Investment Fund Account :		
War Salvage Fund:		
Needham Cooperative Bank	$2,205.04	
Wellesley Cooperative Bank	1,993.60	
Accrued Interest	131.66	
Total Cash and Securities		$4,330.30

DEBT ACCOUNTS:

	1953	1952
Broadmeadow School 1952-1972	$ 630,000.00	$ 665,000.00
Dwight School Addition 1951-1970	75,000.00	80,000.00
High Rock School (O.D.L.) 1951-1971	90,000.00	95,000.00
High Rock School 1951-1971	245,000.00	260,000.00
High Rock School Addition 1953-1972	190,000.00	
William Mitchell School 1950-1969	345,000.00	370,000.00
Hospital Addition 1947-1967	350,000.00	375,000.00
Senior High School Addition 1953-1972	1,810,000.00	
Senior High School, Remodeling and Reconstruction 1953-1972	110,000.00	
Sewer Construction 1924-1955	10,000.00	15,000.00
Sewer Construction 1947-1957	76,000.00	95,000.00
Sewer Construction 1948-1958	100,000.00	120,000.00
Sewer Construction 1949-1979	130,000.00	135,000.00
Sewer Construction 1950-1958	25,000.00	30,000.00
Sewer Construction 1952-1962	135,000.00	150,000.00
Sewer Construction, Fuller Brook 1952-1972	225,000.00	240,000.00
Sewer Construction 1953-1972	360,000.00	
Streets Construction 1946-1956	15,000.00	20,000.00
Streets Construction 1951-1959	30,000.00	35,000.00
Streets Construction 1952-1962	90,000.00	100,000.00
Streets Construction 1953-1960	35,000.00	
Water Storage Tank 1950-1956	15,000.00	20,000.00
Total Debt	$5,091,000.00	$2,805,000.00

TRUST FUNDS:

Martha Ann Barr Fund	$ 500.00
Margaret E. Chase Fund	207.85
Horace A. Carter Fund	1,019.56
Dwight School Fund	6,000.00
T. Otis Fuller Fund	7,000.00
Myra Greenwood Fund	12,482.11
Adeline E. Harris Fund	131.93
Mary Virginia E. Hill Fund	1,413.48
Harold William Low Fund	1,235.91
The Lyon Fund	5,000.00
Mary J. Millett Fund	9,197.96
Dr. William Mitchell Fund	539.67
Mary E. Moseley Fund	4,290.00
William G. Moseley Fund	4,484.25
Needham Cemetery Investment Fund	1,012.54
Needham Military Band Inc. Fund	589.89
Thomas Sutton Fund	1,225.69
John B. Tolman Fund	70,000.00
John B. Walker Fund	3,054.21
George E. Wye Fund	12,467.65
William H. Wye Fund	1,000.00
Total Cash and Securities	$142,852.70

Jury List – 1953-1954

Natalie B. Ackroyd	Housewife	245 Hillcrest Rd.
James W. Adams	Office Manager	40 Coulton Pk.
Alexander Allen	Assistant Treas.	533 Chestnut St.
Arthur B. Anderson	Salesman	22 Fuller Brook Ave.
James Barrie	Retail Business	25 Barrett St.
Merrill S. Baxter	Food Accountant	10 Grant St.
Loren W. Beebe	Manager	5 Morningside Rd.
Elsie A. Bell	Housewife	44 Bennington St.
William C. Benedict	Office Worker	72 Sargent St.
Bertram B. Benge	Paper Business	7 Rolling Ln.
Edward Betty	Printing	25 Bennington St.
Frank J. Beuerman	Sales Manager	134 Laurel Dr.
Clifford Bice	Retired	145 Nehoiden St.
Kenneth N. Birkett	Clerk	62 Kimball St.
Gwendoline Bishop	Housewife	50 Booth St.
John M. Boermeester	Actuary Insurance	43 Oakhurst Cir.
Arnold R. Bone	Staff Engineer	25 Bradford St.
Allen Boyle	Foreman	65 Curve St.
Mary C. Buckley	Housewife	7 Greenwood Ave.
Francis M. Burke	Retired	88 Wayne Rd.
John M. Calkins	Salesman	41 Truman Pl.
William Lee Carter	Asst. Vice Pres.	11 Lindbergh Ave.
Mildred D. Case	Housewife	17 Manning St.
Ellen R. Chenard	Housewife	89 Melrose Ave.
Eva Churchill	Retired	17 Grant St.
Lawrence E. Cirella	Elec. Engineer	573 Webster St.
Francis Coburn	Sales Manager	93 Hawthorn Ave.
Alonzo Collamore	Retired	1265 Great Plain Ave.
Dean R. Colton	Insurance	53 Gayland Rd.
Milton E. Cooke	Dept. Head	64 Carey Rd.
Jean B. Cooper	Housewife	65 Stockdale Rd.
Ruth L. Coppinger	Housewife	580 Highland Ave.
Timothy L. Coughlin	Retired	99 Central Ave.
Cornelius J. Coughlin	Custodian	117 Chestnut St.
Roderick Cowles	Chem. Engineer	1541 Great Plain Ave.
John Cuthbert	Milk Salesman	39 Murphy Rd.
Raymond P. Cutler, Sr.	Knitter	274 Rosemary St.
A. Richard Daniels	Engineer	82 Gayland Rd.
William C. Daniels	Store Manager	18 Dale St.
Jessie D. Day	Housewife	59 Fairfield St.
Margaret A. Dawson	Housewife	5 Alfreton Rd.
Ellsworth W. Dearborn	Prod. Chief	68 Kingsbury St.
Raymond E. Dell	Exec. Clerk	53 Rolling Ln.
Francis B. DeVouges	Div. Supt.	504 Chestnut St.
Germaine L. Doisneau	Housewife	32 Hoover Rd.
Thomas Dorsey	Ford Motor	3 Ferndale Rd.
Keith G. Douglas	Foreman	56 Avery St.
Edward DuBuron	Display Manager	62 Harris Ave.
Richard Dunham	Cabinet Maker	1426 Great Plain Ave.
Elizabeth D. Durham	Housewife	37 Burnside Rd.
Alice Dunn	Housewife	90 Green St.
Adams B. Dutton	Own Business	17 Parkland Rd.
Elmer Dyer	Ins. Agent	115 Beaufort Ave.
Henry W. Eaton	Insurance	18 Edgewood Rd.
Sylvia Fedel	Housewife	41 Lindbergh Ave.
Thomas L. Finnigan	Salesman	6 Lindbergh Ave.
J. Weston Fisher	Insurance	208 Linden St.
James A. Fitton	Buyer	131 Bird St.

JURY LIST—Continued

Harold Folsom	Salesman	144 Valley Rd.
Philip F. Foss	Asst. Vice Pres.	59 Dana Pl.
Mary Foster	Housewife	41 Barrett St.
Richard M. Fraser	Salesman	3 Arden St.
Ruth J. Furniss	Housewife	69 Prince St.
William H. Gay	Salesman	305 Warren St.
Harvey E. Genereaux	Stage Manager	59 Beaufort Ave.
Gordon D. Gilbert	Salesman	61 Mayo Ave.
Lora P. Gilfoil	Housewife	128 Maple St.
Vera Gledhill	Housewife	87 Henderson St.
Gertrude F. Godfrey	Housewife	92 Grant St.
Grace A. Godfrey	Housewife	24 High St.
Arthur C. Goss, Jr.	Salesman	595 Webster St.
Alexander E. Gould	Refrigeration	54 Warren St.
Robert H. Green	Manager	229 Manning St.
Walter Greymont	Architect	137 Hawthorn Ave.
Ingrid L. Grieve	Housewife	1096 Highland Ave.
Mark G. Grogan	Accountant	109 Maple St.
Frederick L. Guyette	Supervisor	108 Lindbergh Ave.
Newton Hanscom	Prod. Manager	1360 Great Plain Ave.
Jessie L. Hardy	Housewife	100 Warren St.
Edward M. Harriman	Executive	67 Maple St.
Philip R. Hayes	Insurance	178 High Rock St.
James J. Higgins	Insurance	36 Robinwood Ave.
Edith W. Hersey	Housewife	45 Washington Ave.
Harry L. Heymann	Retired	325 Manning St.
Gladys L. Hollis	Housewife	30 DeFrancesco Cir.
Lillian Hoffman	Housewife	84 Great Plain Ave.
Wellington Howes	Salesman	24 Mayo Ave.
Paul G. Hudson	Purch. Agent	79 Washington Ave.
Augustus S. Hutchinson	Retired	340 Brookline St.
Ruth H. Ives	Housewife	692 Great Plain Ave.
Doris R. Jennings	Housewife	105 High St.
Samuel H. Johnson	Retired	90 Forest St.
Norman O. Jones	Sales Engineer	1095 Highland Ave.
Marie A. Jordan	Housewife	41 Hawthorn Ave.
Mabel F. Kaiser	Housewife	609 High Rock St.
John P. Kenney	Builder	495 South St.
William P. Kerwin	Radio Adv.	611 Greendale Ave.
John S. Kulesza	Hotel Manager	12 Greendale Ave.
Gertrude B. Latour	At Home	89 May St.
Horace N. Lee	Microscopist	114 Allindale Rd.
Irene Lee	Housewife	238 Great Plain Ave.
Octave Lembree	Salesman	15 Concord St.
Ethel M. Leland	Housewife	15 Bradford St.
William J. Linehan	Ins. Examiner	11 North Hill Ave.
Benjamin H. Littlefield	C.P.A. & Treas.	68 Kimball St.
Harold Littlefield	Contractor	41 Rae Ave.
Philip W. Livingstone	Insurance	77 High St.
Alfred W. Mack, Jr.	Manufacturer	1018 Greendale Ave.
Francis J. Mahler	Musical Director	6 Redington Rd.
John Thomas Mahoney	Sales Manager	30 Nehoiden St.
John McCants	Retired	857 Webster St.
Frederick Martikke, Jr.	Air Conditioning	34 Morton St.
Charles M. Marginot	Electrician	157 Melrose Ave.
Charles P. McCarthy	Retired	86 Dedham Ave.
William M. McKnight	Auditor	207 Great Plain Ave.
Cornelius J. Mehigan	Retired	75 Otis St.
James W. Mitchell	Salesman	858 Webster St.
Otto E. Molter	Memorial Designer	10 Hawthorne Ave.

JURY LIST—Continued

William H. Mordo	Foreman	491 Webster St.
Fred H. Morse	Retired	1665 Great Plain Ave.
Catherine C. Murdock	Housewife	401 High Rock St.
Arno H. Nehrling	Horticulturist	3 Carey Rd.
Marie Neilson	Clerk	104 Highgate St.
Martha Neilson	Housewife	300 Great Plain Ave.
Meriam B. Packard	Clerk	3 Doane Ave.
Robert W. Page	Ins. Advisor	18 Maple Ter.
William H. Patton	Sales Manager	43 Whittier Rd.
Grace Pearson	Retired	58 Fairview Rd.
Roy R. Pederson	Comm. Artist	54 Lincoln St.
Florence M. Phillips	Housewife	1283 Central Ave.
Halbert E. Pierce, Jr.	Elec. Engineer	50 Norfolk St.
Maurice B. Plant	General Manager	37 Mellen St.
J. Robert Potter	Engineer	125 Broad Meadow Rd.
Marjorie Poland	Housewife	1326 Great Plain Ave.
Robert E. Powell	Tool Engineer	366 Warren St.
Louise P. Remington	Housewife	63 Melrose Ave.
Betty Rosenkrans	Bookkeeper	855 Great Plain Ave.
Dorris A. Rugen	Housewife	57 Gayland Rd.
Donald L. Sabine	Supt. Maint.	99 Ellicott St.
Paul B. Samuelson	Supt.	31 Old Farm Rd.
Warren F. Scheffler	Salesman	14 Holland St.
Alice L. Schmalz	Housewife	25 Mt. Vernon Ave.
Henry H. Schnetzer	Accountant	98 Grosvenor Rd.
Consuelo C. Schofield	Deputy Assessor	98 Lincoln St.
Harold G. Scudder	Retired	43 Horace St.
William Shirar	Retired	12 Mills Rd.
Gladis M. Seaver	Housewife	24 Newell Ave.
Harry Shapiro	Musician	28 Bird St.
Kenneth R. Simonds	Laundry Manager	19 Webster St.
A. Ledyard Smith	Archaeologist	6 Charles River St.
Frank T. Smith, Jr.	Civil Engineer	101 Lincoln St.
John S. Smyth	Publisher	17 Emerson Pl.
Phillip A. Stack	Photographer	35 Carey Rd.
Dana L. Southworth	Retired	64 Hemlock St.
Harold J. Stubbs	Assistant Manager	233 Warren St.
Thorsten H. Swanson	Const. Supt.	439 Greendale Ave.
S. Gilbert Tattersall	Dir. Budget	16 Wyoming Ave.
Warren G. Thorpe	Appraiser	58 Bradford St.
Herbert S. Thurston	Printer	18 Holland St.
Francis H. Toohill	Tel. Installer	524 Great Plain Ave.
Louis N. Tougas	Salesman	26 Gordon Rd.
Harry Troutwine	Sales Manager	100 Wilson Ln.
George W. Trumbour	Retired	198 Manning St.
Theodore W. Watson	Oper. Supt.	365 Warren St.
Walter S. Waugh	Meat Cutter	56 Webster St.
Paul H. Weitze	Not Employed	33 Lawton Rd.
Francis P. Wilcox	Executive	1129 Webster St.
Alexander Williams	Music Critic	920 South St.
George E. Williams	Bank Clerk	44 Glendale Rd.
Lucius B. Williams	Office Manager	116 Bird St.
Edward A. Williamson	Elec. Engineer	47 May St.
Frank H. Winter	Manager	48 Oak Knoll Ter.
Laura Willgoose	At Home	1290 Great Plain Ave.
Raymond H. Witt	Field Engineer	151 Taylor St.
Beatrice Wood	Housewife	897 Webster St.
Blanche S. Worth	Housewife	48 Pinewood Rd.
Arthur B. Zerbel	Cashier	45 Birds Hill Ave.

Town Officers – 1953-1954

ELECTED

MODERATOR — Harold Putnam

SELECTMEN — Frank E. Godfrey, *Chairman*; George M. Pond, *Secretary*; Edward J. Stewart, *Vice Chairman*

TOWN CLERK — Marian S. Peterson, 1956

ASSESSORS — Arthur H. Godfrey, 1955, *Chairman*; David Murdock, 1954; A. Sterling Holt, 1956, *Secretary*

TOWN TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR — Arnold Mackintosh, 1956

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE — Meyer J. Gordon, 1955, *Chairman*; William A. Mann, 1955; James McCracken, Jr., 1954**; Dorathea M. Willgoose, 1956; Earl Alban, 1954*; Catherine L. Larson, 1954

SCHOOL COMMITTEE — John Barr Dolan, 1956, *Chairman*; Barbara M. Page, 1954, *Vice Chairman*; John H. Bush, 1956; Ruth E. Steere, 1954; Daniel H. Rider, 1955; Charles E. Greene, 1955

TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK — Thomas J. Crossman, 1954, *Chairman*; Paul B. Richwagen, 1956; Lester C. Huse, 1955; Samuel D. Low, 1956; Amos H. Shepherdson, 1955

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY — Harry W. Kimball, 1955, *Chairman*; Arthur L. King, 1956; Helen B. Eastman, 1954; Marion L. Johnson, 1955, *Vice Chairman*; Laura G. Willgoose, 1956; Fred G. Atchison, 1954

BOARD OF HEALTH — David E. Mann, 1956, *Chairman*; Leslie B. Cutler, 1955; Kenneth Christophe, 1954, *Secretary*

PLANNING BOARD — Robert L. Woodbury, 1955, *Chairman*; George M. Wile, 1958; Edward I. Bower, 1954; S. Stephen Chapman, 1957, *Secretary*; Irving H. Cowdrey, 1956

NEEDHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY — Robert W. S. Cox, 1955, *Chairman*; John B. Moseley, 1954, *Chairman*†; Ralph E. Chambers, 1956, *Vice Chairman*; Harmon Shufro, 1958; Wilbar Whittemore, 1956, *Treasurer*; Leslie Wicken, 1954, *Assistant Treasurer*** (appointed by State)

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS — Vernal E. Kezer, 1954; Amos H. Shepherdson, 1955; Roger W. Nutt, 1956

RECREATION COMMISSION — Robert J. Latham, 1954, *Chairman*; Helen B. Richwagen, 1955, *Secretary*; Nelson A. Talmadge, 1956, *Vice Chairman*

CONSTABLES — Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.; William W. Hewett

TOWN AGENTS
Edward J. Stewart
Frank E. Godfrey
George M. Pond

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK
Frederick A. Whetton

PUBLIC WEIGHERS
Neil A. Burgess
Elaine Cederval
Aurelia DiMizio
James Gilleran
Mary Kunz
Ernest Lyons
George McCulloch
Richard L. Nims
Anthony Nardone
Oreste Nardone
Nicholas A. O'Brien, Jr.
Betty Rosenkrans
John Tresca
John H. Whetton
Frederick A. Whetton
Ralph Woodcock

APPOINTED

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Frederick A. McDermott, 1956
H. Kent Crabtree, 1956
Waldo M. Hunt, 1955
William H. Gay, 1955**
Arvid H. Corneliussen, 1954
William G. Guernsey, 1954, *Chairman*
Edmund W. Trowbridge, 1956
Henry F. Dionne, 1955*
James W. Conners, 1955, *Vice Chairman*
William L. Burton, 1954

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Melville W. Grant, 1954

TRUSTEES OF GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Edwin W. L. Page, 1956
Allan M. Cate, 1955
Luella M. Hopkins, 1955
David O'Leary, Jr., 1954
Blake H. Field, 1956, *Chairman*
Gene R. Leavitt, 1956
Stewart Johnston, 1955
Carleton D. Morse, 1954*
Frank Farwell, 1954**
Cyril N. Angell, 1954

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
Mary E. Fitzgerald, 1955
Marian S. Peterson, *ex-Officio*
Francis J. Donahue, 1954, *Chairman*
Harold S. Loudon, 1956

TOWN COUNSEL
Henry W. Hardy

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Lester C. Hollis, *Superintendent*

DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
Roger G. Oakman, *Water and Sewer*
Frank L. Cheney, *Engineering*

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER AND SEWER
Edmund A. Symonds

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Derwood A. Newman

AGENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Zella M. Mann

HEALTH OFFICER AND INSPECTOR OF MILK
Curtis M. Hilliard

SANITARY INSPECTOR AND DEPUTY INSPECTOR OF MILK
Melvin L. Zabar

NUTRITIONIST	Alice H. Wagenfeld
AGENT FOR VETERANS' AID AND PENSIONS AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES	Francis J. Stanwood
BURIAL AGENT	Francis J. Stanwood
TRUANT OFFICER	Edward L. Wainwright
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS	Edwin D. Keyes
ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR	H. Wesley Kent
INSPECTOR OF WIRING	Clyde E. Cookson
ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF WIRING	Mowry K. Cookson
INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING	Chester A. Bosselman
ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING	Michael Picariello
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING	Dr. Edward T. Ryan, Jr.
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM	Richard M. Salamone
PETROLEUM INSPECTOR	Richard M. Salamone
FOREST WARDEN	Richard M. Salamone
DEPUTY FOREST WARDENS	Charles J. Nute, Jr.
Carl W. Heller	Gordon F. Healey
Leo E. Buckley	David E. Mann
J. Walter Schirmer	
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	Frederick L. Wise
RECORDER OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	Doris E. Barlow
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	Ruth F. Bryant
DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE	Col. Frank F. Flagel
LOCAL MOTH SUPERINTENDENT	Robert L. Yokes
DEPUTY TREE WARDEN	Robert L. Yokes
DOG OFFICER	Henry W. Longley
KEEPER OF LOCKUP	Thomas H. Welch
INSPECTOR OF CESSPOOLS	Frank L. Cheney
DEPUTY CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS	Frank J. Dermody

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.

PUBLIC LIBRARY Dorothy Brown, *Librarian*

GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Donald R. Carmichael, *Business Manager*
Helen I. Linane, *Superintendent of Nurses*

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD
Under vote of Town, November 3, 1936
Harold A. Smith, 1955 Frank L. Cheney, 1956
Melville W. Grant, *Accountant*

BOARD OF APPEALS Herbert L. Moore, 1955, *Chairman*
Benjamin Y. Piper, 1954 Enos G. Nickerson, 1956
Roger W. Nutt, 1954, *Spec. Member*

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE Fritz A. Ohrn, *Chairman*
Sidney A. Dimond Alice Dunn
Walter Masson Robert W. Cherry
Mary D. Adams George H. Krech
Putnam M. Johnson John Wallace
Raymond C. Pardy Kenneth W. Webb

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
A. Wilson Corbett William Seaver
Leonard G. Puffer, *Secretary*

RECREATION COMMITTEE
Under Art. 15, March 19, 1945 — To consist of three members of Recreation Commission and one member of Trustees of Memorial Park and one member of School Committee.
Robert J. Latham, *Chairman* Nelson A. Talmadge, *Vice-Chairman*
Helen B. Richwagen, *Secretary* John A. Bush
Paul B. Richwagen

SPECIAL COMMITTEES
Under Art. 48, March 15, 1948 — Town Forest Committee
Ronald D. Lowden, *Chairman* Evelyn Cobb
Gordon F. Healey

Under Art. 71, March 23, 1953 — To obtain plans, specifications, and working drawings for the construction of a two-story eight-classroom addition to the High Rock School and Art. 7 of Special Town Meeting, June 15, 1953 — Same committee to constitute a School Building Committee.

Irving Cowdrey, *Chairman, by the Finance Committee*
Harold C. Wilkinson, *by the Selectmen*
Derwood A. Newman, *by the School Committee*
Clayton L. Holden, *by the Planning Board*
James K. Sanborn, *by the Needham Taxpayers' Association*
Richard W. Stewart, *by the Public School Association**
Guy S. Langstroth, *by the Moderator*

Ruth N. Fletcher, *by the Moderator*
Philip D. Rising, *by the Moderator*
Robert J. Granberg, *by Public School Association***

Under Art. 62, March 20, 1950; Article 77, March 19, 1951; Article 110, March 17, 1952 and Art. 63, March 23, 1953 — To study needs for additional school buildings and school facilities — The same committee to continue its studies and report with its recommendations not later than the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

Amos Hamburger, *Chairman, by the Moderator*
Robert E. Moody, *by the School Committee*
Walter D. Leach, Jr., *by the Selectmen*
Merrick P. Rawstron, *by the Taxpayers' Association*
Harry P. Rowe, *by the Public School Association*
Roland C. March, Jr., *by the Moderator*
Kathryn E. Bottum, *Secretary, by the Moderator*
Milton B. Hardin, *by the Finance Committee*
Meyer P. White, *by the Planning Board*

Under Art. 11, Special Town Meeting, October 23, 1950 and Art. 55, March 1951 — To obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice for new elementary school on land off Broadmeadow Road. Also Art. 9, Special Town Meeting, June 18, 1951 — Same committee to constitute a School Building Committee.

J. Samuel Slicer, Jr., *Chairman, by the School Committee*
Weldon Welfling, *Secretary, by the Public School Association*
A. Victor Gilfoy, *by the Selectmen*
Harry W. Baughman, Jr., *by the Planning Board*
Charles L. Hall, Jr., *by the Needham Taxpayers' Association*
Paul B. Richwagen, *by the Recreation Committee*
Emma B. Bailey, *by the Moderator*
Karl W. Richards, *by the Moderator*
Harold A. Page, *by the Finance Committee*

Under Articles 11 and 12, March 19, 1951 — Salary and Wage Committee

Arthur T. Henderson, 1956, *Chairman*
James Hugh Powers, 1955
Herbert W. Firth, 1954
Eben F. Smith, 1956
Nelson O. Lindley, 1954*
Page S. Bunker, Jr., 1954**

Under Art. 60, March 19, 1951; Art. 128 of March 26, 1952 and Art. 77 of March 23, 1953 — Union Health Survey Committee — To study formation of a Union Health Department in cooperation with other towns.

Dr. Kenneth Christophe, *Chairman*
Frank L. Flood
Frances K. Dermody
Mary D. Adams
Arthur A. Holt

Under Art. 75, March 19, 1951 and Art. 71, March 19, 1952 — To Study Building By-Laws.

Herbert M. Johnson, *Chairman*
Louis P. Girrior
Laurent C. Roy
Clyde P. Cookson
Carl Beckonert

Under Art. 6, Special Town Meeting of December 3, 1951 — To obtain plans, working drawings and advice relative to addition to Senior High School Building. Under Art. 3 of Special Town Meeting of November 10, 1952 — To supervise construction and original equipping and furnishing of addition to Senior High School and alterations to present Senior High School building.

Myron E. Smith, *Chairman, by the School Committee*
G. Edward Nealand, *by the Taxpayers' Association*
Howard H. McEvoy, *by the Selectmen*
James A. Wylie, *by the Finance Committee*
Frank L. Bridges, *by the Public School Association*
Richard D. Burnham, *by the Planning Board*
F. Parker Bartlett, *by the Moderator*
Henry V. Perry, *by the Moderator*
Frances B. Eaton, *Secretary, by the Moderator*

Under Art. 31, March 23, 1953 — A committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to study all phases of traffic safety regarding the Broadmeadow and Parochial School area and report to the Town with its recommendations at the next special or annual Town Meeting.

Harry W. Baughman, Jr., *Chairman*
Harold G. Donovan
Albert J. Capone

Under Art. 47, March 18, 1953 — A committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to study the proposal that the Town assume the obligation of operating the Dental Clinic and to report to the 1954 Annual Town Meeting with its recommendations.

Mrs. P. Russell Thompson, *Chairman*
Mrs. Walter E. Steere
Dr. Kenneth Christophe

Under Art. 51, March 18, 1953 — A committee be named to study future use of land along the Charles River and make a report with its recommendations to the Town not later than the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

Herbert L. Dodge, *Chairman, by the Selectmen*
Nelson Talmadge, *by the Recreation Commission*
Irving H. Cowdrey, *by the Planning Board*
William M. Austin, *Secretary, by the Moderator*
Noell Morss, *by the Moderator*
Chalmers A. Peairs, Jr., *by the Moderator*
Sidney Stewart, *by the Moderator*

Under Art. 56, March 18, 1953 — To study Special Park and Recreation areas and to report with its recommendations to the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

John H. Bush, *by the School Committee*

John H. Whorf, *by the Planning Board*
Robert J. Latham, *by the Recreation Committee*
By the Moderator:
Precinct 1 — Mrs. Beatrice A. Wood
Precinct 2 — Francis W. Coburn, *Secretary*
Precinct 3 — Andrew C. Bailey
Precinct 4 — Alden Eberly
Precinct 5 — Owen Webb, *Chairman*
Precinct 6 — Joseph DePasqua

Under Art. 72, March 23, 1953 — To study on the advisability of a Fire Department sub-station in the Broadmeadow area and to report with its recommendations to the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

Roland C. March, Jr., *by the Selectmen*
Leonard Marks, Jr., *by the Planning Board*
Everett C. Cross, *Chairman, by the Finance Committee*

Under Art. 73, March 23, 1953 — To study the advisability of naming and marking historical spots and report with its recommendations to the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

Chester R. Mills, *Chairman*
Benjamin May
Lester C. Huse

Under Art. 74, March 23, 1953 — To study hours of labor and working conditions of Town Employees.

Referred to the Salary and Wage Committee.

Under Art. 75, March 23, 1953—To study a Living War Memorial — Previous committee to be continued, namely:

Hazel M. Wheeler, *Chairman***
Meyer J. Gordon**
Philip K. Greuling
Harold L. Burr**
Helen B. Richwagen

Under Art. 77, March 23, 1953 — To study uses and sale of Town-owned land.

John M. Bailey, *Chairman, by the Moderator*
Meyer P. White, *Sub-Chairman, by the Future School Needs Committee*
H. Milton Hoitt, *Secretary, by the Recreation Committee*
Eva H. Churchill, *by the Planning Board*
Arthur H. Godfrey, *by the Selectmen*

Under Article 77, March 23, 1953 — To study improvement of the postal facilities for the Town of Needham.

Ridgley G. Shepherd, *Chairman*
Rodney Harris, Jr.
Neal Jacobs
Thomas J. McDaniels
Harry Martin

Under Art. 9, Special Town Meeting of June 15, 1953 — To study problem of rubbish collection in the Town.

Wendell Ryerson, *Chairman*
Robert F. Day
Julius F. Haller
Constantine J. D'Amato
William H. Ganick

* Resigned ** Appointed to fill vacancy † Deceased

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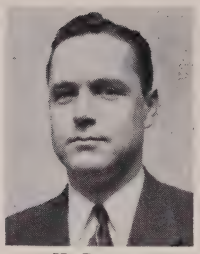
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MEMBERS AT LARGE

CUTLER, LESLIE B.	Senator
DOLAN, JOHN BARR	School Committee
GODFREY, ARTHUR H.	Assessor
GODFREY, FRANK E.	Selectmen
GUERNSEY, WILLIAM G.	Finance
HARDY, HENRY W.	Town Counsel
MACKINTOSH, ARNOLD	Treasurer
MANN, DAVID E.	Board of Health
PETERSON, MARIAN S.	Town Clerk
POND, GEORGE M.	Selectmen
PUTNAM, HAROLD	Moderator
STEWART, EDWARD J.	Selectmen
WOODBURY, ROBERT L.	Planning Board

PRECINCT 1

Expiration 1954
Bartlett, F. Parker, Jr.
Broadley, Katherine R.
Churchill, Eva H.
Eaton, Chester W.
Everett, Elmer H.
Latham, Robert J.
Mann, William A.
McCulloch, Kenneth J.
McIntosh, James B.
Moseley, John B.**
Palmer, Malcolm D.
Richwagen, Victor L.
Stevenson, Herbert F.
Stubbs, J. Harold
Thorpe, Evan G.
Twigg, Julia B.
Watson, Donald C., Jr.*

Expiration 1955
Akers, Mary J.
Benson, John K.
Bixby, Ralph L.
Dugan, William H.
Hardy, Jessie L.
Holden, Clayton L.
Horr, George D.
Main, Robert C.*
Noonan, James H.
Powers, James Hugh
Shepherd, Ridgley G.
Simon, Philip
Teele, Stanley F.
Wallace, John

Expiration 1956
Birkett, Kenneth N.
Brearley, Sidney P.
Bush, John H.
Caulton, Frederick M.
Crabtree, H. Kent
Foss, Philip F.
Gay, William H.
Holt, A. Sterling
Rawstron, Merrick
Rawstron, Stanley
Rider, Daniel H.
Rooney, Thomas J.
Whitney, Carleton F.
Wood, Beatrice A.

PRECINCT 2

Expiration 1954
Ackroyd, J. Roland
Angell, Cyril N.
Blaisdell, Herbert E.
Childs, Kenneth M.
Clarenbach, Walter R.
Clark, Walter J.
Cox, Gilbert W. C.
Cross, Everett C.
Hersey, Henry D.
Larson, N. Henry
Murdoch, David
Nutt, Roger W.
Potter, George A.
Rice, Russell J.
Slicer, J. Samuel, Jr.
Smith, Clayton F.
Tattersall, S. Gilbert
Winslow, Gordon B.

Expiration 1955
Coburn, Francis W.
Cowdrey, Irving H.
Doane, Emery S.*
Dolan, John Barr***
Eaton, Donald A.
Hall, Charles L., Jr.
Leeper, George E.
Moore, Herbert L.
Nickerson, Paul U.**
Page, Harold A.
Paige, Percy H.
Sturtevant, Justus H.
Talmadge, Nelson A.
Welch, Thomas H.

Expiration 1956
Cassidy, William S.
Chambers, Ralph E.
Cruickshank, James E.
Forslind, Elmer E.*
Hunt, Waldo M.
Hunter, Albert E.
Huse, Lester C.
Keith, Marian F.
Kezer, Vernal E.
Loomis, Samuel
Page, Edwin W. L.
Reed, Malcolm B.
Sanborn, James K.
Steere, Ruth E.

PRECINCT 3

Expiration 1954
Burr, I. Tucker, Jr.
Christophe, Kenneth
Davis, Edward L., Jr.
Dunn, Edward W. Y.
Haller, Julius F.

Expiration 1955
Bailey, Andrew C.
Daniels, A. Richards
Dunn, Alice B.*
Eaton, Frances B.
Johnson, Marcel E.

Expiration 1956
Bettencourt, George F.
Britton, J. Boyd
Elliott, Byron K.
Greene, Ray B., Jr.
Guild, Henry R.

PRECINCT 3—continued

Heald, Henry M.
Howe, Parkman D.
Johnston, Stewart B.
Ladd, Charles H.
MacGregor, Forbes*
March, Roland C., Jr.
McEvoy, Howard H.
Motley, Herbert J.
Neas, Harold T.
Powers, James E.
Wyeth, Stimson

Kimball, Robert H., Jr.
Morrison, Norman B., Jr.
Nelson, Verner O.
Perry, Henry V.
Preble, Julia M.
Sargent, Sullivan A., Jr.
Shufro, Harmon S.
Stanley, Arthur R.
Whittemore, Theodore P., Jr.

King, Arthur L.
McIntosh, Charles B.
Nealand, G. Edward
Perkins, R. Forbes
Perry, Rebecca H.
Pierce, Halbert E., Jr.
Summers, James G.
Thomas, Roby S.
Wilkinson, Holley A.

PRECINCT 4

Expiration 1954
Bell, Theodore P.
Burr, Harold L.
Crossman, Thomas J.
Donahue, L. Charles
Eaton, Laurence E.
Ganick, William H.
Kimball, Harry W.
Lowden, Ronald D.
Mills, Chester R.
Morse, Carleton D.
Neilson, George A., Jr.
Wainwright, Edwin M.
Wheeler, Harold G., Jr.
Willgoose, Dorathea M.

Expiration 1955
Bosworth, Raymond F.
Clarke, Ada Phelps
Field, Blake H.
Flint, Carl A.
Godfrey, Elbert S.
Hall, W. Bigelow
Jost, Nelson M.
King, Robert N.
McIntosh, Alan H.
McIntosh, Allan D.
McKinlay, J. Allan
Page, Robert W.
Shaw, Francis W.
White, Helen E.

Expiration 1956
Burnham, Richard D.
Chase, Clarence E.
Cookson, Clyde E.
Day, Robert F.
Dodge, Herbert L.
Glover, Frederic L.
Newman, Derwood A.
Richards, Karl W.
Rising, Philip D.
Sanders, Richard B.
Stewart, Sidney
Walker, Lawrence D.
Wertheim, Clarke H.
Willgoose, Laura G.

PRECINCT 5

Expiration 1954
Bailey, John M.
Cassidy, W. Ansel
Caulton, Lawrence G.
Grasso, Lincoln E.
Hallein, Edward E.
Hauptman, Joseph W.
Henderson, Daniel C.
March, Roland C.
Owen, Walter H.
Spicer, Charles E.
Taylor, John F., Jr.
Tocci, Matthew
Vincent, Harold T.
Walton, Harold R.

Expiration 1955
Aronie, Asna
Atkinson, Winnifred C.
Benson, Walter L.
Chapman, S. Stephen
Dow, Robert O.
Fitzgerald, William
Frary, Charles S., Jr.
Harkins, John F.
Johnson, Arthur F.
Ludlow, William B., Jr.
Morrison, James A.
Peairs, Chalmers A., Jr.
Peck, Janet A.
Revere, Paul

Expiration 1956
Allen, Howard F.
Anderson, Elizabeth E.
Bloh, Adolph A.
Bloh, Paul T.
Friswell, Archibald W.
Gifford, Edward A.
Greuling, Philip K.
Hoitt, H. Milton
Mansfield, John R.
Marriott, William H.
Martin, Harry
Morse, Prescott B.
Richwagon, Paul B.
Turner, Albert E.

PRECINCT 6

Expiration 1954
Beers, David L.
Bell, Frank A.
Burton, William L.
Claxton, Philip H.
Cotter, William H., Jr.
Frost, Fred L.
Henderson, Arthur T.
Hollis, Stanley M.
Holt, R. Ashley
Humphrey, Gorham W.
Loomis, Aaron A.
Nickerson, Enos G.
Salamone, Richard M.
Small, Asa M.
Stanwood, Francis E.

Expiration 1955
Bennett, Pierce B.
Bridges, Frank L.
Brion, Margaret E.
Case, Raymond J.*
Coburn, Almon G.
Eaton, Henry W.
Fedel, Julius T.
Gaudet, Ralph L.
Hamburger, Victoria D.
Hill, Harry R.
Husbands, Munroe
Middleton, Wesley J.
Skinner, Ernest T.
Wheeler, Robert B.

Expiration 1956
Atchinson, Fred G.
Bell, Charles D.
Brady, Gertrude A.
Firth, Herbert W.
Frykberg, Conrad W.
Greene, Charles E.
Hamburger, Amos
Linscott, Paul H.
Mann, Frederic S.
Pinkham, Everett C.
Sayce, Edward G.
Smith, Myron E.
Stanley, Edgar S.
Stevens, Ritchie L.

* Resigned ** Deceased *** Became T. M. Member at Large

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At Your Service

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

AMBULANCE	**NE 3-1700**
FIRE	**NE 3-0142**
HOSPITAL	**NE 3-2803**
POLICE	**NE 3-1700**
CIVIL DEFENSE	**NE 3-2489**

For information on	Call	At
Assessments	Assessors	NE 3-0180
Bicycle Licenses	Police	NE 3-1700
Bills and Accounts	Accountant	NE 3-1666
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Building Permits	Inspections Dept.	NE 3-1920
Civil Defense		NE 3-2489
Death Certificates	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Dogs — Lost and Found	Dog Officer	NE 3-3181-W
Draft Board	Draft Board #119	WE 5-2611
Elections	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Engineering	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Entertainment Licenses	Selectmen	NE 3-0235
Fire Permits	Fire Dept.	NE 3-0142
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping Licenses	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Forestry	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Fuel Oil Storage	Fire Dept.	NE 3-0142
Garbage Collection	Board of Health	NE 3-0345
Health	Board of Health	NE 3-0345
Library	Public Library	NE 3-0087
Lights, Street	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Marriage Certificates	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Milk Inspection	Board of Health	NE 3-0345
Mortgages, Personal Property	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Mosquito Control	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Planning	Planning Board	NE 3-3712
Playgrounds and Recreation	Recreation Director	NE 3-0356
Schools	School Dept.	NE 3-0010
Selectmen	Selectmen	NE 3-0235
Sewers	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Streets	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Tax Assessments	Assessors	NE 3-0180
Tax Collections	Tax Collector	NE 3-0152
Town Hall	Custodian	NE 3-1518
Veterans	Veterans' Service Dept.	NE 3-2440
Veterans' Housing	Veterans' Housing Author.	NE 3-3011
Voting and Registration	Board of Registrars	NE 3-2525
Water	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Welfare	Public Welfare Dept.	NE 3-1710
Wiring	Inspections Dept.	NE 3-1920
Zoning	Inspections Dept.	NE 3-1920

Town of Needham
Incorporated, 1711

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

OF THE

ANNUAL ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

March 2, 1953

AND

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 16, 1953

NEEDHAM TIMES

1953

NEEDHAM TOWN RECORDS

March 2, 1953

RECORD OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen, January 27, 1953, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in elections, met at the polling places designated for the several precincts in said Needham on Monday, the second day of March in the year 1953 at forty-five minutes after six o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant and Officer's Return were read by the Wardens of the Precincts, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

The ballot boxes were inspected and found to be empty with the registers set on 0000. The boxes were then locked and the keys delivered to the Police Officers in attendance.

The ballot clerks were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by their respective Wardens.

The polling places had been designated as follows:

The voters of Precincts 1 and 3, in the Junior High School
The voters of Precinct 2, in the Harris School
The voters of Precinct 4, in the Congregational Church
The voters of Precinct 5, in the William Carter School
The voters of Precinct 6, in the William Mitchell School

The polls were opened at forty-five minutes after six o'clock in the forenoon and were kept open until eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as required by Section 48, Chapter 54 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot the following Town Officers:

Three Selectmen for one year;
One Moderator for one year;
One Town Clerk for three years;
One Assessor for three years;
One Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for three years;
One member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years;
Two Trustees of the Public Library for three years;
Two Trustees of Memorial Park for three years;
Two members of the School Committtee for three years;
One member of the Board of Health for three years;
One Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years;
One member of the Town Planning Board for five years;
One member of the Town Planning Board for four years;
One member of the Town Planning Board for three years;
One member of the Town Planning Board for one year;
One member of the Recreation Commission for three years;
One member of Needham Housing Authority for five years;
Two Constables for one year;
Fourteen Town Meeting Members from each precinct, namely 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, for three years;
Two Town Meeting Members from Precinct 1 for one year;
One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 1 for two years;
One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 2 for two years;
Five Town Meeting Members from Precinct 3 for one year;
Two Town Meeting Members from Precinct 4 for one year;
One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 4 for two years;
Four Town Meeting Members from Precinct 5 for two years;
One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 6 for one year;
Two Town Meeting Members from Precinct 6 for two years.

The ballot box returns in the Precinct were as follows:

Precincts	*1*	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*
7:00 A.M.	5	7	1	4	3	8
8:00 A.M.	45	50	32	43	27	43
9:00 A.M.	79	95	90	100	43	97
10:00 A.M.	117	120	127	129	66	115
11:00 A.M.	154	156	162	162	91	139
12:00 Noon	198	187	194	200	114	151
1:00 P.M.	227	211	230	257	141	195
2:00 P.M.	285	247	275	309	179	232
3:00 P.M.	337	290	311	368	226	286
4:00 P.M.	400	350	351	405	266	314
5:00 P.M.	470	418	389	455	300	383
6:00 P.M.	583	564	505	600	406	493
7:00 P.M.	691	700	636	693	515	609
8:00 P.M.	805	864	797	835	677	793
Absentee Votes	5	6	7	9	6	4

Total Votes 4808 — 43.3% of Registered Voters

The Town Clerk and the Board of Registrars upon receipt of the returns from the several precincts, forthwith canvassed the same and announced the results at 1:00 A.M., March 3, 1953.

	Precincts 1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Total of Votes Cast	810	870	804	844	683	797	4808
MODERATOR, (For One Year)							
Cyril N. Angell	195	271	244	214	87	189	1200
William H. Cotter, Jr.	128	90	53	102	142	128	643
Harold Putnam	471	503	497	521	441	469	2902
Blanks	16	6	10	7	13	11	63
TOWN CLERK (For Three Years)							
Marian S. Peterson	731	793	745	758	579	712	4318
Blanks	79	77	59	86	104	85	490
SELECTMEN (For One Year)							
Frank E. Godfrey	652	696	665	668	460	612	3753
James A. Newslow	310	279	256	326	374	313	1858
George M. Pond	543	640	605	582	344	539	3253
Edward J. Stewart	595	702	645	653	422	589	3606
Blanks	330	293	241	303	449	338	1954
ASSESSOR (For Three Years)							
A. Sterling Holt	713	791	739	737	558	690	4228
Blanks	97	79	65	107	125	107	580
TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES (For Three Years)							
Arnold Mackintosh	717	782	735	736	550	698	4218
Blanks	93	88	69	108	133	99	590
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WELFARE (For Three Years)							
Thomas S. Day	204	263	233	218	213	244	1375
Dorathea M. Willgoose	553	567	532	563	400	491	3106
Blanks	53	40	39	63	70	62	327
BOARD OF HEALTH (For Three Years)							
David E. Mann	718	782	740	735	561	694	4230
Blanks	92	88	64	109	122	103	578
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (For Three Years)							
John H. Bush	394	492	437	379	250	386	2338
J. Paul Condrin, Jr.	151	65	93	132	222	139	802
John Barr Dolan	358	490	402	396	265	401	2312
Elmer E. Forslind	60	100	59	70	39	79	407
Milton B. Hardin	190	165	210	162	96	168	991
Edwin M. Wainwright	251	213	242	330	237	212	1485
Blanks	216	215	165	219	257	209	1281

	Precincts 1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
NEEDHAM HOSING AUTHORITY (For Five Years)							
Carl W. Heller	311	378	314	301	233	322	1859
Harmon S. Shufro	431	424	441	493	357	406	2552
Blanks	68	68	49	50	93	69	397
PLANNING BOARD (For Five Years)							
George M. Wile	644	737	695	688	504	650	3918
Blanks	166	133	109	156	179	147	890
PLANNING BOARD (For Four Years)							
S. Stephen Chapman	647	715	696	673	509	635	3875
Robert Reynolds	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	163	155	108	171	173	162	932
PLANNING BOARD (For Three Years)							
Irving H. Cowdrey	674	732	699	691	504	654	3954
Blanks	136	138	105	153	179	143	854
PLANNING BOARD (For One Year)							
Edward I. Bower	648	715	689	669	486	629	3836
Blanks	162	155	115	175	197	168	972
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY (For Three Years)							
Arthur L. King	645	727	714	680	480	660	3906
Laura G. Willgoose	655	743	714	702	508	662	3984
Blanks	320	270	180	306	378	272	1726
TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK (For Three Years)							
Samuel D. Low	651	744	708	699	505	658	3965
Paul B. Richwagen	683	753	713	710	534	661	4054
Blanks	286	243	187	279	327	275	1597
COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS (For Three Years)							
Roger W. Nutt	664	751	717	681	499	651	3963
Blanks	146	119	87	163	184	146	845
RECREATION COMMISSION (For Three Years)							
Nelson A. Talmadge	647	735	699	677	490	642	3890
Blanks	163	135	105	167	193	155	918
CONSTABLES (For One Year)							
William W. Hewett	679	761	709	708	536	671	4064
Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.	622	724	692	699	481	641	3859
Blanks	319	255	207	281	349	282	1693

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

PRECINCT ONE (For Three Years)

Kenneth N. Birkett	536	*Harry T. Leach	405
Sidney P. Brearley	511	*James B. McIntosh	358
John H. Bush	500	*Letty S. Proctor	445
Frederick M. Caulton	453	Merrick P. Rawstron	453
H. Kent Crabtree	499	Stanley Rawstron	478
*Elmer H. Everett	347	Daniel H. Rider	472
Philip F. Foss	485	Thomas J. Rooney	460
William H. Gay	449	Carleton F. Whitney	519
A. Sterling Holt	595	Beatrice A. Wood	500

PRECINCT ONE (For Two Years)

Philip Simon	599

PRECINCT ONE (For One Year)

Malcolm D. Palmer	490
Donald C. Watson, Jr.	505
*Meyer P. White	303

PRECINCT TWO (For Three Years)

William S. Cassidy	595	Marian F. Keith	588
Ralph E. Chambers	635	Vernal E. Kezer	592
James E. Cruickshank	655	Samuel Loomis	628
*James T. Duane	478	*Fred P. McKenney, Jr.	406
Elmer E. Forslind	510	Edwin W. L. Page	644
Waldo M. Hunt	614	Malcolm B. Reed	555
Albert E. Hunter	662	James K. Sanborn	653
Lester C. Huse	547	Ruth E. Steere	610

PRECINCT TWO (For Two Years)

George E. Leeper	415
*J. Samuel Slicer, Jr.	307

PRECINCT THREE (For Three Years)

George F. Bettencourt	451	G. Edward Nealand	533
J. Boyd Britton	592	R. Forbes Perkins	576
Byron K. Elliott	602	Rebecca H. Perry	574
Ray B. Greene, Jr.	502	Halbert E. Pierce, Jr.	479
Henry R. Guild	584	James G. Summers	481
Arthur L. King	588	Roby S. Thomas	542
Charles B. McIntosh	595	Holly A. Wilkinson	545
*Herman F. Mueller	449	*Marybelle F. Zeise	375

PRECINCT THREE (For One Year)

*Harry W. Baughman, Jr.	403
Edward L. Davis, Jr.	561
Edward W. Y. Dunn	429
Henry M. Heald	546
*Howard H. McEvoy	404
Herbert J. Motley	426
James E. Powers	407

PRECINCT FOUR (For Three Years)

Richard D. Burnham	556	Philip D. Rising	530
Clarence E. Chase	431	Richard B. Sanders	476
Clyde E. Cookson	520	Sidney Stewart	568
Robert F. Day	597	*G. Bradford Tiffany	316
Herbert L. Dodge	475	Lawrence D. Walker	438
Frederic L. Glover	537	Clarke H. Wertheim	506
*Edwin D. Keyes	404	*Walter B. Whitney	344
Derwood A. Newman	527	*Erma N. Wiggin	352
*John V. Phelan	407	Laura G. Willgoose	581
Karl W. Richards	548		

PRECINCT FOUR (For Two Years)

*John E. Auchmoody	112
*J. Paul Condrin, Jr.	135
Allan D. McIntosh	245
*Robert W. Pearson	228

PRECINCT FOUR (For One Year)

Harold L. Burr	508
*Thomas L. Marsilli	457
Harold G. Wheeler, Jr.	467

PRECINCT FIVE (For Three Years)

Howard F. Allen	345	John R. Mansfield	300
Elizabeth E. Anderson	364	William H. Marriott	301
Adolph A. Bloh	357	Harry Martin	396
Paul T. Bloh	356	*William R. Mason, Jr.	293
*Edward L. Bottum	251	*Kenneth E. Minkle	262
Archibald W. Friswell	386	Prescott B. Morse	358
Edward A. Gifford	296	Paul B. Richwagen	431
Philip K. Greuling	362	*Charles Robinson	278
*Maurice L. Hatch, Jr.	246	Albert E. Turner	340
H. Milton Hoitt	349		

PRECINCT FIVE (For Two Years)

Winnifred C. Atkinson	348
*Edward I. Bower	218
S. Stephen Chapman	372
John F. Harkins	386
*Paul S. Onthank	196
Janet A. Peck	239
*Richard K. Pine	181

PRECINCT SIX (For Three Years)

Fred G. Atchinson	529	*Josephine P. Kalin	273
Charles D. Bell	546	Paul H. Linscott	528
*Paul B. Bleakney	365	Frederic S. Mann	538
Gertrude A. Brady	453	Everett C. Pinkham	517
Herbert W. Firth	478	Edward G. Sayce	523
Conrad W. Frykberg	513	Myron E. Smith	519
*Theodore N. Graser	399	Edgar S. Stanley	495
Charles E. Greene	488	Ritchie L. Stevens	512
Amos Hamburger	473		

PRECINCT SIX (For Two Years)

Raymond J. Case	417
*Meriel N. Hardin	232
*Arthur T. Henderson	299
Ernest T. Skinner	329

PRECINCT SIX (For One Year)

William L. Burton	627

*Not Elected

The ballots cast in the several precincts were returned to the Town Clerk in the sealed packages. The voting lists used at the entrances to polling places and at the ballot boxes with the tally sheets and copy of the precinct record of elections were also returned, all properly sealed in conformity with the laws governing elections.

Adjourned at 1:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 3, 1953.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,
Town Clerk.

Attest:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

March 16, 1953

Pursuant to a Warrant issued by the Selectmen January 27, 1953, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Junior High School in said Town on Monday, March 16, 1953, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 499 voters were checked on the list as being present. There were 226 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock P.M., by the Moderator, Harold Putnam. Those present arose and joined Mr. Pollard in singing the national anthem. The Reverend Harold Cramer was called upon to offer a prayer. Following this the call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

Mr. Edward J. Stewart asked unanimous consent to offer a Resolution, which consent was given. The following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS Samuel H. Wragg has, over a period of forty years, devoted himself with fidelity, unselfishness and effectiveness to the service of the Town of Needham as a member and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, as Chairman of the Finace Committee ,as Moderator and in other official capacities; and

WHEREAS he has served the Town of Needham, the County of Norfolk and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with distinction as a Representative and Senator in the General Court, and as President of the Massachusetts Senate, and is now serving the County of Norfolk as its Sheriff, and has otherwise brought honor to his native town of Needham; and

WHEREAS he has now seen fit to retire, after twenty-two consecutive years, from the office of Moderator, in which he has served with fairness, patience and ability; and

WHEREAS it is pleasant to pay deserved tribute to such a man in his lifetime ,and tribute received during his lifetime should be eminently more satisfying to him, be it therefore

RESOLVED: That the Town of Needham, through its Town Meeting assembled, hereby expresses to Samuel H. Wragg its esteem and its appreciation of his distinguished services to the Town over many years, and particularly of his conduct of the office of Moderator, and its hope to be able to draw upon his experience and willingness to serve in the future; and directs that this Resolution be incorporated in the official records of this Annual Town Meeting of 1953.

A motion was introduced by Mr. Cotter that the governing rules for transaction of business at this Town Meeting shall be the rules of order

for the House of Repreesntatives in the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Moderator explained that, in his opinion, these rules of order while suitable for conducting the business of the House of Representatives were not as flexible as might be desired for the conduct of a town meeting.

When put to a vote Mr. Cotter's motion did not prevail.

ARTICLE 2. To choose and appoint all other Town officers in such manner as the Town may determine.

VOTED: That the following Town Officers be elected:

Town Agents: Frank E. Godfrey, George M. Pond, Edward J. Stewart.

Measurers of Wood and Bark: Frederick A. Whetton.

Public Weighers: Neil E. Burgess, Elaine Cederval, Aurelio DiMuzio, James Gilleran, Mary Kunz, Ernest Lyons, George McCullough, Albert McNamara, Anthony Nardone, Oreste Nardone, Richard L. Nims, Nicholas A. O'Brien, Jr., Betty Rosenkrans, Lawrence Shields, John Tresca, Roy Vorce, Frederick A. Whetton, John H. Whetton and Ralph T. Woodcock.

ARTICLE 3. To hear and act on the reports of Town officers and committees.

VOTED: That the reports of Town Officers and Committees be accepted and placed on file.

ARTICLE 4. To see what action the Town will take relative to unexpended balances and deficiencies of 1952.

VOTED: That the sum of $784.11 be appropriated to pay certain bills, contracted for in 1952, but not received in time to be paid, and to meet certain deficiencies incurred in 1952.

ARTICLE 5. To see what action the Town will take relative to unexpended balances and deficiencies of 1953.

VOTED: That unpaid bills contracted for in 1953, but not received by the Town until after December 31, 1953, regarded as "unpaid bills", be paid in January, 1954, from cash on hand, and the amount so paid be reported by the Town Accountant to the Finance Committee to be included in its report of appropriations for 1954.

ARTICLE 6. To see what dispostion the Town will make of monies received pursuant to Section 172 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws as the Town's share of the unexpended balance of the Dog Fund.

VOTED: That the sum of $2,529.79, received pursuant to Section 172 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws as the Town's share of the unexpended balance of the Dog Fund, be appropriated for the use of the Public Library.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, as follows:

Town Clerk

Board of Selectmen { Chairman, Second Member, Third Member }

Board of Assessors { Principal Assessor, Second Assessor, Third Assessor }

Town Treasurer and Tax Collector

raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the salaries of the Town Clerk, the members of the Board of Selectmen, the members of the Board of Assessors, and the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for the year 1953 be the amounts appropriated for such purposes under Article 22 of this warrant, such salaries to be retroactive to January 1, 1953.

ARTICLE 8. To see what action the Town will take relative to the compensation of its Town officers, other than elective officers, and of its employees.

VOTED: That the compensation of Town Officers, other than elective officers, and of Town employees, for the year 1953, be the same as voted for said purposes under Article 22 of this warrant.

ARTICLE 9. To see in what manner the Town will have its taxes collected in the current year.

VOTED: That the taxes for the current year be collected in the same manner as in the year 1952, and that the compensation therefor be the same as voted for said purpose under Article 22 of this warrant.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, by striking out the present sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 8 thereof, and by substituting the following:

> "(c) In every case in which compensation for work done, exclusive of overtime, is paid to a full-time employee of the Town by another department, branch or agency of the Town, such payments shall be deducted from the regular compensation due that employee, unless an exception has been specifically authorized in the individual case by the Salary and Wage Committee."

As recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, be amended by striking out the present sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 8 thereof, and by inserting in place thereof the following:

> "(c) In every case in which compensation for work done, exclusive of overtime, is paid to a full-time employee of the Town by another department, branch or agency of the Town, such payments shall be deducted from the regular compensation due that employee, unless an exception has been specifically authorized in the individual case by the Salary and Wage Committee."

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, by striking out the present sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph 9 thereof, entitled "Operation of Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages", and by inserting in place thereof, under the same caption, a new sub-paragraph reading as follows:

> "Advancement from the minimum to the maximum rates shown in the Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages shall be by three annual successive steps. In addition to these step-rate increases, there shall be added to the annual compensation of each of the regular full-time employees of the Town, including regular full-time hourly rated employees, the sum of fifty dollars after five years of continuous employment, a second fifty dollars after ten years of continuous employment, a third fifty dollars after fifteen years of continuous employment, and a fourth fifty dollars after twenty years of continuous employment. No such advancement or addition shall be paid until the same shall be approved by the Salary and Wage Committee; and the Salary and Wage Committee shall not so approve until after the employing authority shall have recommended said advancement or addition in writing to said Committee and said Committee shall have satisfied itself that the same is merited. For the sole purpose of making recommendations to the Committee in the case of elected officials of the Town, the Board of Selectmen shall be deemed to be the employing authority within the meaning of this sub-paragraph."

As recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

This article was discussed at length. When put to a vote the Moderator called for a count of hands. Mr. Teele and Mr. Dolan were sworn as tellers.

MOVED: That the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Anual Town Meeting, be amended by striking out the present sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph 9 thereof, entitled "Operation of Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages," and by inserting in place thereof under the same caption a new sub-paragraph reading as follows:

> "Advancement from the minimum to the maximum rates shown in the Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages shall be by three annual successive steps. In addition to these step-rate increases, there shall be added to the annual compensation of each of the regular full-time employees of the Town, including regular full-time hourly rated employees, the sum of fifty dollars after five years of continuous employment, a second fifty dollars aften ten years of continuous employment, a third fifty dollars after fifteen years of continuous employment, and a fourth fifty dollars after twenty years of continuous employment. No such adavncement or addition shall be paid until the same shall be approved by the Salary and Wage Committee; and the Salary and Wage Committee shall not so approve until after the employing authority shall have recommended said advancement or addition in writing to said Committee and said Committee shall have satisfied itself that the same is merited. For the sole purpose of making recommendations to the Committee in the case of elected officials of the Town, the Board of Selectmen shall be deemed to be the employing authority within the meaning of this sub-paragraph."

The vote was recorded as Yes 92 — No 107 and the motion did not carry. (This article was later reconsidered and adopted).

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, by striking therefrom sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 9 thereof, reading as follows:

> "(c) An employee whose rate at the effective date of this Classification Plan exceeds the maximum thus prescribed may continue at his present rate."

As recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, be amended by striking therefrom sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 9, reading as follows:

> "(c) An employee whose rate at the effective date of this Classification Plan exceeds the maximum thus prescribed may continue at his present rate."

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, by adding at the end of the first sentence of sub-paragraph (a) (4) of paragraph 11 of the following phrase "and submitted to the Town Accountant not later than May first", so that said sub-paragraph shall read as follows:

> "Vacation schedules for all employees in all departments shall be developed by department heads and submitted to the Town Accountant not later than May first. It shall be the policy of each department to schedule vacations over as wide a period as possible in order to obviate the need of temporary increases in personnel."

As recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, be amended by adding at the end of the first sentence of sub-paragrauh (a) (4) of paragraph 11 the following phrase "and submitted to the Town Accountant not later than May first," so that said sub-paragraph shall read as follows:

> "Vacation schedules for all employees in all departments shall be developed by department heads and submitted to the Town Accountant not later than May first. It shall be the policy of each department to schedule vacations over as wide a period as possible in order to obviate the need of temporary increases in personnel."

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, by adding thereto a new sub-paragraph (5) to paragraph 14 thereof as follows:

> "5. A physician's certificate may be required by the Employing Department, or by the Town Accountant, in any case of non-occupational sick leave."

As recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, be amended by adding thereto a new sub-paragraph (5) to paragraph 14 thereof, as follows:

> "5. A physician's certificate may be required by the Employing Department, or by the Salary and Wage Committee, in any case of non-occupational sick leave."

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, by adding the following new sentence to sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 17 thereof:

> "It shall be the duty of each Town officer and employee to furnish to the Town Accountant forthwith upon his request all data needed for the completion of such personnel records as are required by the Salary and Wage Committee."

As recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel. adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, be amended by adding the following new sentence to sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 17 thereof:

> "It shall be the duty of each Town officer and employee to furnish to the Town Accountant forthwith upon his request all data needed for the completion of such personnel records as are required by the Salary and Wage Committee."

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, by adding thereto a new sub-paragraph (5) to paragraph 17 thereof as follows:

> "5. Each department head shall submit to the Town Accountant on Monday of each week a report, on such forms as the Salary and Wage Committee may prescribe, of all officers and employees of the department absent from duty during the week immediately preceding, specifying in each case whether the officer or employee was absent on vacation, on leave of absence, on occupational or non-occupational sick leave. on jury duty or on military training service."

As recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, be amended by adding thereto a new sub-paragraph (5) to paragraph 17 thereof as follows:

> "5. Each deparement head shall submit to the Town Accountant on Monday of each week a report, on such forms as the Salary and Wage Committee may prescribe, of all officers and employees of the department absent from duty during the week immediately preceding, specifying in each case whether the officer or employee was absent on vacation, on leave of absence, on occupational or non-occupational sick leave, on jury duty or on military training service."

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to ratify and confirm the action of the Salary and Wage Committee on May 22, 1952, in authorizing an exception to sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 8 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, to permit payment, to a Police Officer of the Town, of an additional salary, not to exceed five hundred dollars per annum, for the performance of the duties of Dog Officer; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town ratify and confirm, and it does hereby ratify and confirm the action of the Salary and Wage Committee on May 22, ,1952, in authorizing an exception to sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 8 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, to permit payment to a police officer of the Town, of an additional salary, not to exceed five hundred dollars per annum, for the performance of the duties of Dog Officer.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to ratify and confirm the action of the Salary and Wage Committee on August 21, 1952, wherein it approved the employment, by the Trustees of the Public Library, of a Children's Librarian at an entrance salary of one hundred dollars greater than the minimum salary established for said position in the Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages established by vote of the 1952 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town ratify and confirm, and it does hereby ratify and confirm the action of the Salary and Wage Committee on August 21, 1952, in approving the employment by the Trustees of the Public Library of a Children's Librarian at an entrance salary of one hundred dollars greater than the minimum salary established for said position in the Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries established by vote of the 1952 Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, by striking out the present Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages therein, as last amended by the 1952 Annual Town Meeting, and by substituting therefor the following:

CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARD RATES OF SALARIES AND WAGES

Classification	Present Range		Proposed Range	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Accountant	$4,800.00	$5,100.00	$5,000.00	$5,300.00
Chief Accounting Clerk		2,700.00	2,800.00	3,100.00
Principal Assessor	4,350.00	4,650.00	4,550.00	4,850.00
Assistant Assessor		1,350.00		1,350.00
Board of Appeals — Secretary (per hearing)		9.00		
Senior Custodian			3,350.00	3,650.00
Deputy Custodian of Public Buildings (other than schools)	3,350.00	3,650.00		
Dog Officer		1,000.00		500.00
Finance Committee Clerk		660.00		660.00
Building Inspector	4,300.00	4,600.00	4,500.00	4,800.00
Wiring Inspector	3,800.00	4,100.00	3,800.00	4,100.00
Plumbing Inspector (per Inspection, including travel)		3.75		3.75
Memorial Park Supervisor	3,180.00	3,480.00	3,180.00	3,480.00
Memorial Park Grounds Keeper (per hour)		1.10		1.15
Registrar		210.00		210.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures		1,100.00		1,100.00
Selectmen — Chairman		600.00		600.00
Selectmen — Other Members		450.00		450.00
Selectmen's Clerk		440.00		440.00
Town Treasurer and Tax Collector		4,600.00		4,600.00
Town Clerk	3,800.00	4,100.00	3,900.00	4,200.00
Town Counsel		3,500.00		3,500.00
Town Hall Janitor	2,040.00	2,340.00	2,300.00	2,600.00
Veterans' Agent		2,500.00		2,500.00
*Welfare Department Agent	3,700.00	4,000.00	3,800.00	4,100.00
*Welfare Department Social Worker	2,700.00	3,000.00	2,800.00	3,100.00
Canvasser (per hour)		1.00		1.00

*Except as may be inconsistent with Welfare Compensation Plan established under General Laws, Chapter 31.

Classification	Present Range Minimum	Present Range Maximum	Proposed Range Minimum	Proposed Range Maximum
Fire Department				
Chief	5,100.00	5,400.00	5,100.00	5,400.00
Deputy Chief	4,250.00	4,550.00	4,250.00	4,550.00
Captain	3,900.00	4,200.00	3,900.00	4,200.00
Assistant Superintendent, Fire Alarm	3,650.00	3,950.00	3,650.00	3,950.00
Firefighter, Permanent	3,300.00	3,600.00	3,300.00	3,600.00
Firefighter, Substitute (per day)		10.00		10.00
Ground Man (per man)		10.00		10.00
Call Man (per year)		310.00		310.00
Board of Health				
Director of Health Services		.....		1,250.00
Agent & Milk Inspector		1,250.00		.....
Animal Inspector		485.00		485.00
Cesspool Inspector		500.00		500.00
Sanitarian		.....		1,400.00
Sanitary Inspector and Deputy Milk Inspector		1,400.00		.....
Clerk-Technician	2,300.00	2,600.00	2,400.00	2,700.00
Public Health Nurse	2,700.00	3,000.00	2,700.00	3,000.00
Nutritionist (per hour)		1.50		1.50
Public Library				
Librarian	3,600.00	3,900.00	3,700.00	4,000.00
Assistant Librarian	2,900.00	3,200.00	3,000.00	3,300.00
Cataloguer	2,700.00	3,000.00	2,800.00	3,100.00
Children's Librarian	2,700.00	3,000.00	2,800.00	3,100.00
Branch Librarian	2,200.00	2,500.00	2,300.00	2,600.00
Library Assistant	1,700.00	2,000.00	1,800.00	2,100.00
Extra Professional Assistance (per hour)		1.00		1.00
Extra Sub-Professional Assistance (per hour)		.85		.85
Student Helpers (per hour)		.65		.65
Police Department				
Chief	5,100.00	5,400.00	5,100.00	5,400.00
Sergeant	3,900.00	4,200.00	3,900.00	4,200.00
Detective	3,900.00	4,200.00	3,900.00	4,200.00
Police Officer (permanent)	3,300.00	3,600.00	3,300.00	3,600.00
Special Police (per day)		10.00		10.00
Matron		550.00		550.00
Recreation Department				
Director of Recreation		3,000.00		3,000.00
Playground Supervisor (per week)		50.00		50.00
Playground Director (per week)		40.00		40.00
Playground Assistant (per week)		30.00		30.00
Beach Supervisor (per week)		50.00		50.00
Assistant Beach Supervisor (per week)		40.00		40.00
Beach Lifeguard (per week)		40.00		40.00
Beach Booth Attendant (per week)		30.00		30.00
Baseball Umpire (per season)		350.00		350.00
Secretary-Clerk		360.00		360.00

Classification	Present Range Minimum	Present Range Maximum	Proposed Range Minimum	Proposed Range Maximum
Public Works Department				
Superintendent of Public Works	7,200.00	7,500.00	7,200.00	7,500.00
Town Engineer (Sand & Gravel Inspector)	5,000.00	5,300.00	5,200.00	5,500.00
Assistant Engineer	3,800.00	4,100.00	4,200.00	4,500.00
Chief of Party	----------	----------	3,800.00	4,100.00
Senior Draftsman	----------	----------	3,800.00	4,100.00
Draftsman	3,100.00	3,400.00	3,200.00	3,500.00
Divisional Superintendent	5,700.00	6,000.00	5,900.00	6,200.00
Assistant Divisional Superintendent (Water & Sewer)	4,500.00	4,600.00	4,400.00	4,700.00
Hourly Rated Employees				
Master Mechanic		2.00		2.00
General Foreman		1.90		1.90
Supervisory Foreman		1.80		1.80
Shovel Operator		1.80		1.80
Garage Mechanic		1.80		1.80
Working Foreman, or Meter Repairman, or Pumping Station Operator, or Equipment Operator (A), or Repairman, Carpenters, or Masons		1.70		----------
Skilled Laborer (new title)		----------		1.70
Truck Drivers, or Equipment Operator (B), or Meter Readers, or Pipe Layers, or Tree Climbers		1.60		----------
Semi-Skilled Laborer		----------		1.60
Skilled Laborer (old title)		1.45		----------
Instrument Man or Inspector		1.45		----------
General Laborer		----------		1.45
Student Draftsman		----------		1.40
Rodman		1.20		1.40
Common Laborer		1.30		1.30
Temporary Laborer		1.15		1.15
General Classification				
Principal Clerk	----------	----------	2,700.00	3,000.00
Senior Clerk	2,200.00	2,500.00	2,300.00	2,600.00
Junior Clerk	1,800.00	2,100.00	----------	----------
Clerk	----------	----------	1,900.00	2,200.00
Committee Secretary (per hour)		----------		1.50
Temporary, Part-Time Clerk (per hour)		1.00		1.15
Custodian	2,500.00	2,800.00	2,500.00	2,800.00
Substitute Janitor (per hour)		1.00		1.00

Note: Classification for which no proposed rates are shown in the foregoing schedule are proposed to be discontinued.

As recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Powers, offering an amendment, moved that there be five equal successive step-rate increases between the minimum and maximum salaries and wages of town employees. The Moderator ruled the motion out of order, for the reason that it went beyond the scope of Article 19. Mr. Powers then moved that the minimums and maximums listed under Article 19 be increased by the sum of $200. The Moderator ruled that the motion was incomplete, in that some of the salaries and wages had not been listed properly, and the Town Meeting granted postponement of further action on Article 19 until after Article 21.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1952, the effect of which would be to grant an increase of one hundred dollars per year to certain recipients of pensions or retirement allowance. As recommended by the Town's Contributory Retirement Board.

VOTED: That the Town accept and it does hereby accept Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1952.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to place the Town's insurance on a three-year basis; or take any further action relative thereto.

The Town Counsel explained that this vote was not necessary as the Selectmen now had that authority, and it was

VOTED: That this article be dismissed.

Article 19 was then offered for consideration. The Salary and Wage Committee asked permission to withdraw their previous motion, which permission was granted by the Town Meeting Members. This Committee then presented the following motion:

MOVED: That the proposed maximum column in the table under Article 19 be increased by $200.

Mr. Bridges moved that Article 19 be postponed until Wednesday evening.

Mr. Cross, for the Finance Committee, stated that this would mean a postponement of the budget articles and moved that the original Article 19 be accepted. After some discussion the Salary and Wage Committee and Mr. Bridges asked permission to withdraw their motions, which consent was given by the Town Meeting Members. The original motion was then presented by Mr. Henderson and it was

VOTED: That the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, be amended by striking out the present Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages therein as last amended by the 1952 Annual Town Meeting and by inserting in place thereof the Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages set forth in this Article.

The Finance Committee then moved that Article 11 be reconsidered at this time and it was so voted. After a discussion of the factors involved, it was voted to open Article 11 for reconsideration.

The Finance Committee moved that the original motion under Article 11 be accepted and it was

VOTED: That the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, be amended by striking out the present sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph 9 thereof, entitled "Operation of Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages", and by inserting in place thereof under the same caption a new sub-paragraph reading as follows:

> "Advancement from the minimum to the maximum rates shown in the Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages shall be by three annual successive steps. In addition to these step-rate increases, there shall be added to the annual compensation of each of the regular full-time employees of the Town, including regular full-time hourly rated employees, the sum of fifty dollars after five years of continuous employment, a second fifty dollars after ten years of continuous employment, a third fifty dollars after fifteen years of continuous employment, and a fourth fifty dollars after

twenty years of continuous employment. No such advancement or addition shall be paid until the same shall be approved by the Salary and Wage Committee; and the Salary and Wage Committee shall not so approve until after the employing authority shall have recommended said advancement or addition in writing to said Committee and said Committee shall have satisfied itself that the same is merited. For the sole purpose of making recommendations to the Committee in the case of elected officials of the Town, the Board of Selectmen shall be deemed to be the employing authority within the meaning of this sub-paragraph."

A count of hands was taken and the vote was recorded as

No 61 Yes 135

ARTICLE 22. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the necessary Town charges and expenses.

Under this Article, the following appropriations were made, each item being voted on separately, viz:

VOTED: That the sum of $17,641.25 be appropriated for the Accounting Department, as follows:

1.	Salaries	$ 13,431.25
2.	Expenses	1,125.00
3.	New Equipment	3,085.00

VOTED: That the sum of $16,844.61 be appropriated for the Assessors' Department, as follows:

4.	Salaries	$ 14,461.61
5.	Expenses	1,745.00
6.	New Equipment	338.00
7.	Travel out of State	300.00

VOTED: That the sum of $1,225.00 be appropriated for the Board of Appeals ,as follows:

8.	Salaries	$ 675.00
9.	Expenses	550.00

VOTED: That the sum of $2,060.00 be appropriated for the Finance Committee as follows:

10.	Salaries	$ 660.00
11.	Expenses	1,400.00

VOTED: That the sum of $4,050.00 be appropriated for Legal Services and Expenses, as follows:

12.	Salaries	$ 3,500.00
13.	Expenses	300.00
14.	Damages	250.00

The Planning Board offered the following substitute motion which was not accepted.

MOVED: That the Planning Board budget be amended by inserting the sum of $2,695.00 under Line 16. (Expenses). Mr. Woodbury explained that this item was for complete aerial photographs of the town.

it was

VOTED: That the sum of $1,995.00 be appropriated for the Planning Board, as follows:

15.	Salaries	$ 1,100.00
16.	Expenses	895.00

VOTED: That the sum of $9,084.62 be appropriated for the Registrars of Voters, as follows:

17.	Salaries	$ 3,174.62
18.	Tellers and Canvassers	2,813.00
19.	Expenses	3,097.00

VOTED: That the sum of $35,000.00 be appropriated for the Reserve Fund as follows:

20.	Reserve Fund	$ 35,000.00

VOTED: That the sum of $525.00 be appropriated for the Salary and Wage Committee, as follows:

21.	Salaries	$ 175.00
22.	Expenses	350.00

VOTED: That the sum of $5,230.00 be appropriated for the Selectmen, as follows:

23.	Salaries	$ 1,940.00
24.	Expenses	465.00
25.	Town Meetings	825.00
26.	For repainting of the Police and Fire Departments Buildings	2,000.00

VOTED: That the sum of $7,950.00 be appropriated for the Town Clerk's Department, as follows:

27.	Salaries	$ 6,950.00
28.	Expenses	900.00
29.	Fees	100.00

VOTED: That the sum of $16,450.64 be appropriated for the care and maintenance of the Town Hall and Grounds as follows:

30.	Salaries	$ 8,607.64
31.	Maintenance	5,043.00
32.	For installation of Vault on first floor of Town Hall	2,800.00

VOTED: That the sum of $14,348.00 be appropriated for the Treasurer and Tax Collector, as follows:

33.	Salaries	$ 11,050.00
34.	Expenses	2,439.00
35.	Bonds	809.00
36.	Tax Titles	50.00

VOTED: That the sum of $3,930.00 be appropriated for Civilian Defense, of follows, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen:

37.	Salaries	$ 900.00
38.	Expenses	3,030.00

VOTED: That the sum of $169,915.00 be appropriated for the Fire Department, as follows:

39.	Salaries	$144,072.00
40.	Expenses	1,848.00
41.	Building Maintenance	5,445.00
42.	Equipment Maintenance	2,500.00
43.	Equipment and Supplies	5,300.00
44.	Travel out of State	150.00
45.	New Equipment	10,500.00
46.	Medical Expenses	100.00

VOTED: That the sum of $15,085.00 be appropriated for the Fire Alarm, as follows:

47.	Salaries	$ 4,540.00
48.	Expenses	6,095.00
49.	Equipment and Maintenance	450.00
50.	Specials	4,000.00

VOTED: That the sum of $600.00 be appropriated for the Forest Warden Service, as follows:

51.	Paid Service	$ 250.00
52.	Forest Patrol	200.00
53.	Expenses	150.00

VOTED: That the sum of $16,239.00 be appropriated for the Inspection Department, as follows:

54.	Salaries	$ 14,955.00
55.	Expenses	490.00
56.	For the payment of monthly rental charges and for maintenance costs of an automobile to be used by the Inspection Department	794.00

VOTED: That the sum of $145,306.92 be appropriated for the Police Department, as follows:

58.	Salaries	$123,288.92
59.	Expenses	2,000.00
60.	Supplies and Equipment	3,850.00
61.	Uniforms	2,175.00
62.	New Automobiles and Equipment	4,055.00
63.	Automobile Maintenance	4,900.00
64.	Building Maintenance	3,130.00
65.	Travel out of State	150.00
66.	Auxiliary Police	400.00
68.	For extension and repairs to the Police Signal System	800.00
69.	For the installation of Spotlights	158.00
70.	For improving driveways and grounds at the Police Station	400.00

VOTED: That the sum of $1,615.50 be appropriated for the Sealer of Weights and Measures, as follows:

71.	Salaries	$ 1,100.00
72.	Expenses	300.00
73.	Transportation	215.50

VOTED: That the sum of $39,272.33 be appropriated for the Board of Health, as follows:

74.	Salaries	$ 10,059.00
75.	Expenses	1,580.00
76.	Hospitalization	3,500.00
77.	Garbage Removal	17,833.33
78.	Mosquito Control	5,300.00
79.	Specials	700.00
80.	T. B. X-Ray Program	300.00

VOTED: That the sum of $546,614.00 be appropriated for the Public Works Department, said sum to be raised as follows; from the current tax levy, $396,614.00, by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account; $150,000.00; said total sum of $546,614.00 to be expended as follows:

81.	Salaries and Wages	$209,764.00
82.	Expenses	66,500.00
83.	Snow Removal	25,000.00

84.	Street Lighting	32,000.00
85.	Replacement of Equipment	11,650.00
86.	New Equipment	20,600.00
	From Current Tax Levy — $600.00	
	From Excess and Deficiency Account — $20,000.00	
87.	Travel out of State	400.00
88.	Moth or insect pest control	5,000.00
89.	Dutch Elm disease control	4,000.00
90.	Poison Ivy Control	500.00
91.	Rosemary Beach, maintenance and renewals	3,000.00
92.	For the installation of sewer-house connections under the provisions of law authorizing assessments	35,000.00
93.	For water main extensions, the extension of services to buildings and for the repair and renewals of water mains or other appurtenances	130,000.00
	From the Excess and Deficiency Account — $130,000.00	
94.	For Park improvements	2,000.00
95.	For maintenance, planting or other work in Town Forests	1,000.00
96.	For certain expenses in connection with parking meters or parking areas	200.00

VOTED: That the sum of $95,850.00 be appropriated for the Board of Public Welfare, as follows:

98.	Salaries	$ 7,600.00
99.	Expenses	750.00
100.	General Relief	8,500.00
101.	Old Age Assistance	65,000.00
102.	Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00
103.	Disability Assistance	9,000.00

VOTED: That the sum of $369,208.50 be appropriated for the Glover Memorial Hospital, as follows:

104.	Salaries	$225,758.50
105.	Building Maintenance	27,500.00
106.	Expenses and Services	8,650.00
107.	Supplies and Equipment	90,000.00
108.	Travel out of State	300.00
109.	X-Ray and Laboratory	17,000.00

VOTED: That the sum of $39,100.00 be appropriated for the Veteran's Service Department, as follows:

110.	Salaries	$ 6,150.00
111.	Expenses	550.00
112.	Transportation	400.00
113.	Veteran's Benefits	32,000.00

Mr. John Bailey stated he had been asked to offer the following motion to amend the school budget motion:

MOVED: That the preceding motion pertaining to the appropriation for the School Department be amended by increasing the amount of Item 114 therein, under the caption "Salaries", by $32,280.00 so that said Item 114 shall be in the amount of $748,350.00 and the total of the appropriation for the School Department shall be in the amount of $950,044.00.

This amendment did not pass and under the original motion

it was

VOTED: That the sum of $917,597.46 be appropriated for the School Department, and that the additional sum of $166.54 being the income from the Dwight School Fund, be transferred to the School Department; said total of $917,764.00 to be expended as follows:

114.	Salaries	$716,070.00
115.	General Control	2,450.00
116.	Instruction	38,275.00
117.	Operation	43,715.00
118.	Maintenance	49,820.00
119.	Auxiliary Agencies	12,220.00
120.	Outlay	25,814.00
121.	Travel out of State	400.00
122.	Transportation	25,000.00
123.	Vocational Education	4,000.00

VOTED: That the sum of $40,038.04 be appropriated for the Public Library; provided, that the sum of $399.56, being the income from the Barr and Greenwood funds, be transferred to the Library; and provided further, that the sum of $2,529.79, being the amount received from the county Dog Fund, be transferred to the Library, the total amount of $42,967.39 to be expended as follows:

128.	Salaries	$ 25,527.39
129.	Expenses	1,900.00
130.	Books and periodicals	8,200.00
131.	Binding	1,000.00
132.	Building Maintenance	5,290.00
133.	Branch Library — Rent	1,000.00
135.	Travel out of State	50.00

VOTED: That the sum of $10,085.00 be appropriated for the Memorial Park, as follows:

136.	Salaries	$ 5,935.00
137.	Expenses	3,190.00
138.	New Equipment	960.00

VOTED: That the sum of $18,850.00 be appropriated for the Recreation Department, as follows:

139.	Salaries	$ 13,965.00
140.	Expenses	4,350.00
141.	Specials	535.00

VOTED: That the sum of $266,437.50 be appropriated for the payment of interest on, and the extinguishment of the public debt, and for the payment of interest on temporary loans, as follows:

142.	Maturing Bonds	$219,000.00
143.	Interest on Debt	44,937.50
144.	Interest on Temporary Loans	2,500.00

VOTED: That the sum of $34,072.00 be appropriated for the Board of Retirement, as follows:

145.	Contributions to the system and for the payment of certain annuities and retirement allowances	$ 33,522.00
146.	Expenses	550.00

VOTED: That the sum of $44,064.24 be appropriated for the Town's Insurance coverage.

VOTED: That the following amounts be appropriated for the several Miscellaneous accounts, as follows:

148.	For the salary of Dog Officer	$ 500.00
149.	For the salary of the Animal Inspector	485.00
150.	For transportation of the Animal Inspector	125.00
151.	For the payment of certain Annuities	4,135.02
152.	For the maintenance of Soldiers' Graves	800.00
153.	For the printing of annual Town Reports and proceedings of Town Meetings and Elections	3,150.00
154.	For expenses of Memorial Day, provided, that the incurring of any indebtedness to be paid from this appropriation, shall be subject to the approval of the Selectmen	450.00
155.	For unclassified miscellaneous expenses to be expended under supervision of the Selectmen	300.00

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes that may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Road Maintenance; transfer the sum of $2,000.00 from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the total cost, this latter amount, when received by way of reimbursement from the State and County, to be restored to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $1,000.00 be appropriated from the current tax levy to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Road Maintenance, and that, in addition, the sum of $2,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account to meet the State and County Shares of the total cost, this latter amount, when received by way of reimbursement from the State and County, to be restored to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $60,000.00 for the installation of storm water drains in private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town and for extending the storm water drainage system in or connecting it with the existing storm water drainage system in public ways as proposed by the Public Works Department; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $43,075.00 be appropriated for the installation of storm water drains in private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town and for extending the storm water drainage system in or connecting with the existing storm water drainage system in public ways as proposed by the Public Works Department, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $10,000.00 for the alteration of, specific repairs upon and the construction of all or portions of various Town ways, including sidewalks thereon, as recommended by the Public Works Department, determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $6,500.00 be appropriated for the alteration of, specific repairs upon and the construction of all or portions of various Town ways, including sidewalks thereon, as recommended by the Public Works Department, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $285,000.00 for the extension of the sewerage system in certain streets as petitioned for by abutters and in ways petitioned for acceptance and construction under the Betterments Act, including streets in the Fuller Brook district lying between Mason Road and the Wellesley town line, and for various intercepting sewers; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $225,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the extension of the sewerage system in certain streets as petitioned for by abutters and in ways petitioned for acceptance and construction under the Betterments Act, including streets in the Fuller Brook district lying between Mason Road and the Wellesley town line, and to provide for necessary pumping stations, interceptors and force mains in connection therewith, all under the law permitting the assessment of betterments; that of said total appropriation the sum of $15,000.00 be raised from current tax levy and the sum of $20,000.00 be transferred from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Fund; and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized to borrow the balance of $190,000.00 under the authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1952 or any other amendments thereof, and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with said Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $200,000.00 for the purpose of installing the Birds Hill intersecting sewer easterly from the new location of Route 128 extending northerly from Valley Road to Kendrick Street, as recommended by the Department of Public Works; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $200,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the installation of the Birds Hill intersecting sewer easterly from the new location of Route 128 extending northerly from Valley Road to Kendrick Street and to provide for necessary interceptors and force mains in connection therewith; that the sum of $30,000.00 be transferred from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Fund for said purpose; and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized to borrow the balance of $170,000.00 under the authority of Chapter 44 of

the General Laws as amended by Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1952 or any other amendments thereof, and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with said Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $10,000.00 for the construction of sidewalks under the Betterment Act as petitioned for by abutters; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $10,000.00 be appropriated for the construction of sidewalks under the Betterment Act as petitioned for by abutters.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Mr. Potter moved that Articles 30, 31, 32 and 33 be considered after Article 62. Unanimous consent was so voted.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,623.34 for the payment of betterment charges against Town-owned property as follows:

Broad Meadow Road (school property)	sewer	$2,374.27
Sylvan Road — Lot 6	sewer	238.06
Sylvan Road — Lot 1	sewer	312.35
Sylvan Road — Lot 44	sewer	336.24
Sylvan Road — Lot A — 47, 48, 49	sewer	1,192.99
Sylvan Road — Lot 55	sewer	328.00
Sylvan Road — Lot 56	sewer	328.00
Sylvan Road — Lot 57	sewer	323.76
Highland Terrace — Lots 31-42	street	1,009.72
Riverside Street — Lots 19-30	street	1,046.06
Robinwood Avenue — Lot B	street	610.62
Brookline Street — Lot 36	street	1,338.28
Brookline Street — Lot 34	street	279.33
Brookline Street — Lot 32	street	838.00
Brookline Street — Lot 30	street	1,067.66

or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $11,623.34 be appropriated for the payment of betterment charges against Town-owned property as follows:

Broad Meadow Road (school property)	sewer	$2,374.27
Sylvan Road — Lot 6	sewer	238.06
Sylvan Road — Lot 1	sewer	312.35
Sylvan Road — Lot 44	sewer	336.24
Sylvan Road — Lot A — 47, 48, 49	sewer	1,192.99
Sylvan Road — Lot 55	sewer	328.00
Sylvan Road — Lot 56	sewer	328.00
Sylvan Road — Lot 57	sewer	323.76
Highland Terrace — Lots 31-42	street	1,009.72
Riverside Street — Lots 19-30	street	1,046.06
Robinwood Avenue — Lot B	street	610.62
Brookline Street — Lot 36	street	1,338.28
Brookline Street — Lot 34	street	279.33
Brookline Street — Lot 32	street	838.00
Brookline Street — Lot 30	street	1,067.66

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $293.45 for the unpaid balance of real estate taxes assessed to the following persons in 1952 for properties acquired by the Town during 1952, said taxes having been adjusted as of the dates when the Town acquired title to the respective properties:

Alma S. Brewster	$ 9.90
Herbert W. Firth	3.85
Josephine L. Lupien	3.85
New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad	211.01
Nellie A. Richwagen	39.14
Irene M. Rowe	3.85
Evan C. Thorpe	21.85
	$293.45

or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $293.45 be appropriated for the payment of the unpaid balance of real estate taxes assessed to the following named persons in 1952 for properties acquired by the Town during 1952, as follows:

Alma S. Brewster	$ 9.90
Herbert W. Firth	3.85
Josephine L. Lupien	3.85
New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad	211.01
Nellie A. Richwagen	39.14
Irene M. Rowe	3.85
Evan C. Thorpe	21.85
	$293.45

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will authorize the installation of street lights in the following private ways as petitioned for by abutters: Sachem Road, Horace Street, Elder Road, Lincoln Street and Garfield Street; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $200.00 for the purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $200.00 be appropriated and the expenditure thereof authorized for the installation of street lights in the following private ways; Sachem Road, Horace Street, Elder Road, Lincoln Street and Garfield Street.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chestnut Road as a public way; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town accept Chestnut Road as a public way.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following streets, or parts of streets, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to plans on file with the Town Clerk:

That part of Pershing Road lying between Parish Road and a point eight hundred (800) feet easterly from Parish Road; Morton Street, lying between Webster Street and Highland Avenue, a distance of nine hundred and twenty (920) feet; That part of Hillcrest Road lying between Highgate Street and Colby Street, a distance of seven hundred and ten (710) feet; That part of Valley Road lying between Peacedale Road and the end of the 1946 Town Layout, a distance of seven hundred and sixty (760) feet; That part of Plymouth Road lying between Harris Avenue and the end of the 1927 Town Layout, a distance of three hundred and eighty (380) feet; Rybury Hillway, lying between Greendale Avenue and High-

gate Street, a distance of about nine hundred twenty (920) feet; Falcon Street. lying between Highgate Street and Brookline Street, a distance of about 1250 feet, and that part of Bond Street lying between Hillcrest Road and Falcon Street, a distance of about 220 feet.

raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $47,500.00 for the original construction thereof, including gravel sidewalks laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the following streets be accepted as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to plans on file with the Town Clerk:

That part of Pershing Road lying between Parish Road and a point eight hundred (800) feet easterly from Parish Road; Morton Street, lying between Webster Street and Highland Avenue, a distance of nine hundred and twenty (920) feet; That part of Hillcrest Road lying between Highgate Street and Colby Street, a distance of seven hundred and ten (710) feet; That part of Valley Road lying between Peacedale Road and the end of the 1946 Town Layout, a distance of seven hundred and sixty (760) feet; That part of Plymouth Road lying between Harris Avenue and the end of the 1927 Town Layout, a distance of three hundred and eighty (380) feet; Rybury Hillway, lying between Greendale Avenue and Highgate Street, a distance of about nine hundred twenty (920) feet; Falcon Street, lying between Highgate Street and Brookline Street, a distance of about 1250 feet, and that part of Bond Street lying between Hillcrest Road and Falcon Street, a distance of about 220 feet.

that the sum of $47,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the original construction thereof, including gravel sidewalks laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; that said total sum of $47,500.00 be raised as follows: that $12,500.00 be raised from the current tax levy and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to borrow the balance of $35,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, and any other applicable provisions of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than ten (10) years, or at such earlier date as the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer shall determine.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to approve and confirm the action of the Selectmen in relocating a portion of Wyoming Avenue as accepted at the last Annual Town Meeting, so that said Wyoming Avenue will be about 37 feet wide, more or less, for a distance of about 150 feet, more or less, adjoining land now or formerly of Frederick L. Broadley.

VOTED: That the action of the Selectmen in relocating a portion of Wyoming Avenue as accepted at the 1952 Annual Town Meeting, so that said Wyoming Avenue will be about thirty-seven feet wide, for a distance of about one hundred and fifty feet, adjoining land now or formerly of Frederick L. Broadley, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Selectmen requested that Articles 40 and 41 be considered together and it was so voted.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale and conyeyance to Walfred R. Miller and J. William Linse of the Town-owned land off South Street near Dedham Avenue, Needham, bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by South Street 340 feet;

Westerly by other land of Town of Needham 256 feet more or less;

Northerly by other land of Town of Needham 190 feet; and

Easterly by land of said Walfred R. Miller and J. William Linse and land of Janet M. Livingston 363.63 feet more or less.

Containing 73,190 square feet more or less, and being the easterly portion of land conveyed to the Town by deed of Joseph Colburn et al recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 1238, Page 439; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the acquisition by purchase or by eminent domain, for the purpose of protecting the Town's water supply, of the fee in a certain parcel of land off South Street near Dedham Avenue, Needham, owned by Walfred R. Miller and J. William Linse, with the trees and structures thereon, bounded and described as follows:

Northwesterly by land of Town of Needham, 522.24 feet more or less;

Northeasterly by land of Needham Golf Club, 161.04 feet more or less;

Southeasterly by other land of said Walfred R. Miller and J. William Linse 668.48 feet more or less; and

Westerly by land of Town of Needham 154.68 feet, more or less.

Containing 82,997 square feet more or less; being the northerly portion of the land conveyed by the Elizabeth H. Livingston Estate and by Janet H. Livingston to said Walfred R. Miller and J. William Linse by deed recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 3114, Pages 224, 225; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of said acquisition; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Selectmen, acting for and on behalf of the Town be authorized and empowered to convey to Walfred R. Miller and J. William Linse a certain parcel of land owned by the Town, located off South Street near Dedham Avenue, Needham, bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by South Street 340 feet;

Westerly by other land of Town of Needham 256 feet more or less;

Northerly by other land of Town of Needham 190 feet; and

Easterly by land of said Walfred R. Miller and J. William Linse and land of Janet M. Livingston 363.63 feet more or less.

Containing 73,190 square feet more or less, and being the easterly portion of land conveyed to the Town by deed of Joseph Colburn et al recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 1238, Page 439;

and that the Selectmen be authorized and empowered to execute the necessary deed to effect said conveyance; that the consideration for the foregoing conveyance shall be the simultaneous conveyance by said Walfred R. Miller and J. William Linse to the Town of a certain parcel of land owned by them, located off South Street near Dedham Avenue, Needham, bounded and described as follows:

Northwesterly by land of Town of Needham, 522.24 feet more or less;

Northeasterly by land of Needham Golf Club, 161.04 feet more or less;

Southeasterly by other land of said Walfred R. Miller and J. William Linse 668.48 feet more or less; and

Westerly by land of Town of Needham 154.68 feet, more or less.

Containing 82,997 square feet more or less; being the northerly portion of the land conveyed by the Elizabeth H. Livingston Estate and by Janet H. Livingtson to said Walfred R. Miller and J. William Linse by deed recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 3114, Pages 224, 225;
and that the Selectmen be authorized to accept a deed of said parcel from said Walfred R. Miller and J. William Linse simultaneously with the delivery of the Town's deed to the first parcel described herein to said Walfred R. Miller and J. William Linse.

A count of hands was taken and the result was

Yes 164 — No 15

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the acquisition by purchase or by eminent domain for the purpose of protecting the Town's water supply of a parcel of land in Needham on the northerly side of Charles River Street opposite the site of the Town's water pumping station with the trees and structures thereon, owned by Frederick B. Philbrick of Wellesley, and bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by Charles River Street 660 feet more or less;
Westerly by the Charles River 40 feet more or less;
Northwesterly by the Needham-Wellesley town line 775 feet more or less;
Northeasterly 150 feet more or less; and
Easterly by two bounds, 138 feet more or less and 300 feet more or less.

Containing 4.7 acres, more or less; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $4,700.00 for the purpose of said acquisition; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Selectmen be authorized and empowered, on behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase from Frederick B. Philbrick, for the purpose of protecting the Town's water supply, the fee simple in a certain parcel of land in Needham, with the trees and structures thereon, said parcel being bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by Charles River Street 660 feet more or less;
Westerly by the Charles River 40 feet more or less;
Northwesterly by the Needham-Wellesley town line 775 feet more or less;
Northeasterly 150 feet more or less; and
Easterly by two bounds, 138 feet more or less and 300 feet more or less.

Containing 4.7 acres, more or less;
and that the sum of $4,700.00 be appropriated from the current tax levy for the purpose of said acquisition.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase for the purpose of protecting the Town's water supply a parcel of land in Wellesley abutting on the northeast the parcel of land described in the next preceding Article, with the trees and structures thereon, owned by Frederick B. Philbrick of Wellesley, said acquisition to be subject to any required enabling legislation, said parcel being bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by the Needham-Wellesley town line 775 feet more or less;
Westerly and *Northwesterly* by the Charles River 865 feet more or less; and
Northeasterly 220 feet more or less;

Containing 3.3 acres more or less; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $100.00 for the purposes of said acquisition; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Selectmen be authorized and empowered, on behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase from Frederick B. Philbrick, for the purposes of protecting the Town's water supply, the fee simple in a certain parcel of land in Wellesley, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, with the trees and structures thereon, said parcel being bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by the Needham-Wellesley town line 775 feet more or less;

Westerly and *Northwesterly* by the Charles River 865 feet more or less; and

Northeasterly 220 feet more or less;

Containing 3.3 acres more or less;

and abutting on the Northeast the parcel of land described in Article 42 of this Warrant; that the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be authorized to petition the General Court for enabling legislation authorizing said purchase; and that the sum of $100.00 be appropriated for the purpose of said acquisition.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

At 10:45 P.M. it was voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday, March 18, 1953 at 7:30 P.M.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,
Town Clerk.

Attest:

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 18, 1953

Pursuant to adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting held March 16, 1953, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the Junior High School on Wednesday, March 18, 1953, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Check lists were used and 408 voters were checked on the lists as being present. There were 211 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Harold Putnam, who called upon Rev. Russell Bletzer for a prayer. Mr. Putnam then proceeded to the discussion of the remaining articles in the warrant.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Committee established under Article 57 of the 1952 Annual Town Meeting to make a study of the Town's water supply system; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $5,000.00 for the furtherance of said study and to defray the cost of investigating and testing any area or areas proposed for development of the Town's water supply, as recommended by the Public Works Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Committee established under Artcle 57 of the 1952 Annual Town Meeting be continued until the 1954 Annual Town Meeting; that said Committee be authorized and instructed to continue its study of the Town's water supply system and to make investigations and tests of areas proposed for development of the Town's water supply; that said Committee be instructed to report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1954 Annual Town Meeting; and that the sum of $5,000.00 be appropriated for the purposes of said Committee.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote that at the Annual Town election in 1954, one Selectman shall be elected for a term of one year, one Selectman shall be elected for a term of two years, and one Selectman shall be elected for a term of three years, and that at each succeeding Annual Town election, one Selectman shall be elected for a term of three years.

VOTED: That at the Annual Town election in 1954, one Selectman shall be elected for a term of one year, one Selectman shall be elected for a term of two years, and one Selectman shall be elected for a term of three years, and that at each succeeding Annual Town election one Selectman shall be elected for a term of three years.

Mr. Huse was sworn as teller of the first division. A count of hands was taken and the result — Yes 127 — No 59.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to ratify, approve and confirm a certain deed from Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, by Arnold Mackintosh, Treasurer of the Town of Needham, to Robert Reynolds and Alice I. Reynolds, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, both of Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, dated July 23, 1945, recorded with Norfolk Deeds in Book 2550, Pages 130 and 131, said deed conveying land in the Town of Needham described therein as follows:

"A parcel of land located on the northerly side of a street or way known now or formerly as Taylor Street, containing thirty-nine thousand seven hundred twenty (39,720) square feet, more or less, as shown on Plan No. 143 on file in the office of the Board of Assessors in said Needham. Being the land acquired by said Town of Needham by deed of Maynard B. Barnes and Wayne C. Barnes dated November 3, 1943, and recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book 2479, Page 560, as said land is more fully described in said deed."

or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town ratify, approve and confirm, and it does hereby ratify, approve and confirm a certain deed from Inhabitants of Town of Needham, by Arnold Mackintosh, Treasurer of the Town of Needham, to Robert Reynolds and Alice I. Reynolds, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, both of Boston, Suffolf County, Massachusetts, dated July 23, 1945, recorded with Norfolk Deeds in Book 2550, Page 130 and 131, said deed conveying land in the Town of Needham described therein as follows:

"A parcel of land located on the northerly side of a street or way known now or formerly as Taylor Street, containing thirty-nine thousand seven hundred twenty (39,720) square feet, more or less ,as shown on Plan No. 143 on file in the office of the Board of Assessors in said Needham. Being the land acquired by said Town of Needham by deed of Maynard B. Barnes and Wayne C. Barnes dated November 3, 1943, and recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book 2479, Page 560, as said land is more fully described in said deed."

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to study the transfer of the Needham Dental Clinic, now financed by United Community Services and conducted by the New Century Club, to the Town's Board of Health, to be operated by the School Department, as petitioned for by Catherine L. Larson and others; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town establish a committee, to consist of three members to be appointed by the Moderator, to study the proposal that the Town assume the obligation of operating the Dental Clinic, so-called, now financed by United Community Services and conducted by the New Century Club; and that said committee be instructed to report to the 1954 Annual Town Meeting with its recommendations.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $5,500.00 for the purpose of paying part of the premiums for group life insurance for permanent employees of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 1952; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following motion did not carry:

MOVED: That the sum of $5,500.00 be appropriated for the payment by the Town of a part of the premiums for group life insurance for permanent employees of the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 1952; and that the expenditure of this amount be under the supervision of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $3,400.00 for the fluoridation of water at the water stations in the Town as recommended by the Board of Health; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Foss asked that the debate be limited to one hour on this article. Two-thirds of the Town Meeting Members voting in favor, the debate was limited to one hour and at the end of this period the question was put to a vote and was not carried.

MOVED: That the Town authorize the fluoridation of water at the water stations in the Town; that the sum of $3,400.00 be appropriated for said purpose; and that said fluoridation and the expenditure of said sum be under the supervision of the Board of Health.

A count of hands showed — Yes 55 — No 125.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 15 of Chapter 129 of the General Laws, providing in effect that the nomination of the Town's Animal Inspector shall be made by the Board of Health and not by the Selectmen, as recommended by the Board of Health.

VOTED: That the Town accept Section 15 of Chapter 129 of the General Laws, whereby the nomination of the Town's Animal Inspector shall be made by the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to study the present use of land in the Town lying along the Charles River and to recommend future development of the same for the purpose of preserving the natural beauty thereof for park and recreation purposes, as recommended by the Planning Board; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee offered the following amendment: That the motion under Article 51 be amended by striking out the appropriation of $500.00. The amendment carried; and

it was

VOTED: That the Town establish a Committee to study the present use of land in the Town lying along the Charles River and to recommend future development of the same for the purpose of preserving the natural beauty thereof for park and recreational purposes; that said Committee consist of seven members, of whom one member shall be appointed by the Selectmen, one member shall be appointed by the Recreation Commission, one member shall be a member of the Planning Board and four members shall be appointed by the Moderator; that said Committee be instructed to make a report with its recommendations to the Town not later than the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the acquisition by purchase or by eminent domain of a perpetual easement for all the ordinary purposes of public travel over that parcel of land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Easterly by Lot 19 as shown on a plan hereinafter referred to, 187.41 feet more or less;

Southerly by land of Town of Needham, 40 feet more or less;

Westerly by the northerly half of Lot 16 as shown on said plan, 28.11 feet more or less, and by Lot 17 as shown on said plan, 188.11 feet more or less; and

Northerly by Rosemary Street, 40 feet more or less.

Being all that part of a way running from Webster Street to Rosemary Street lying northerly of land heretofore acquired by Town of Needham and between said land of Town of Needham and Rosemary Street, as shown on a plan entitled "Subdivision of land owned by The Needham Real Estate Associates, Needham, Mass., December 1, 1926. John E. Titus, Landscape Architect, Newton Upper Falls, Mass." recorded with Norfolk Deeds as Plan No. 1199 of 1926 in Book 1727, Page 508, said parcel containing 8,000 square feet more or less. The westerly half of said parcel being owned by Evan C. Thorpe and Josephine B. Thorpe and by Stanley L. Gordon and Doris L. Gordon and the easterly half of said parcel being owned by William H. Ogden, Jr. and Doris V. Ogden.

Including in said easement the right to construct and maintain a road or street over the entire area of said parcel.

To raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of said acquisition, as recommended by the High School Addition Building Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be authorized and empowered to acquire by eminent domain a perpetual easement for all the ordinary purposes of public travel over that parcel of land in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Easterly by Lot 19 as shown on a plan hereinafter referred to, 187.41 feet more or less;

Southerly by land of Town of Needham, 40 feet more or less;

Westerly by the northerly half of Lot 16 as shown on said plan, 28.11 feet more or less, and by Lot 17 as shown on said plan, 188.11 feet more or less; and

Northerly by Rosemary Street, 40 feet more or less.

Being all that part of a way running from Webster Street to Rosemary Street lying northerly of land heretofore acquired by Town of Needham and between said land of Town of Needham and Rosemary Street, as shown on a plan entitled "Subdivision of land owned by The Needham Real Estate Associates, Needham, Mass., December 1, 1926. John E. Titus, Landscape Architect, Newton Upper Falls, Mass." recorded with Norfolk Deeds as Plan No. 1199 of 1926 in Book 1727, Page 508, said parcel containing 8,000 square feet more or less. The westerly half of said parcel being owned by Evan C. Thorpe and Josephine B. Thorpe and by Stanley L. Gordon and Doris L. Gordon and the easterly half of said parcel being owned by William H. Ogden, Jr. and Doris V. Ogden.

Including in said easement the right to construct and maintain a road or street over the entire area of said parcel.

and that the sum of $3.00 be appropriated for the purpose of said acquisition.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Committee established under Article No. 3 of the Special Town Meeting of November 10, 1952, to supervise the construction of an addition to the Senior High School building, to arrange for the retention for use on other Town areas now requiring fill for the creation and improvement of playgrounds of any surplus fill material which may be made available by reason of said construction; to appropriate any additional money which may be required for the use of said Committee by reason of the retention of said material by the Town; on petition of Owen Webb and others; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Committee established under Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of November 10, 1952, to supervise the construction of an addition to the Senior High School Building, be and it is hereby instructed to arrange for the retention, for use on other Town areas now requiring fill for the creation and improvement of playgrounds, of any surplus fill material which may be made available by reason of said construction; and that such surplus material be made available, first, to the School Department to the extent of its requirement and, second, to the Recreation Committee.

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to place under the supervision of the Recreation Committee the Town-owned land known as the Cricket Field, on Hillside Avenue, and the Town-owned land in River Park, off Route 128; on petition of Owen Webb and others; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Moderator requested the unanimous consent of the Town Meeting Members to the introduction of a tape recording made by Mr. Owen Webb, who was unable to be present at the meeting. The unanimous consent was given by the Town Meeting members. The Finance Committee moved that Article 54 be deferred until after Article 56. Mr. Cotter asked if they would withdraw their motion as he intended to offer the same motion himself. The Moderator examined the two motions and could see no difference. Mr. Cotter claimed that the Finance Committee did not follow the General By-Laws in requesting a change in the sequence of the articles. After a study of the By-Laws in question the Moderator ruled that the motion by the Finance Committee was in order. Mr. Cotter appealed the ruling. The Moderator stated that he would waive the necessity of seven Town Meeting members rising to support the appeal from his ruling. When put to a vote the Town Meeting members upheld the ruling of the Moderator. Upon motion of the Finance Committee

it was

VOTED: That consideration of Article 54 be deferred until after Article 56 has been considered.

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving and maintaining the Town-owned land known as the Cricket Field, on Hillside Avenue, and the Town-owned land in River Park, off Route 128; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; on petition of Owen Webb and others; or take any other action relative thereto.

Upon moiton of the Finance Committee it was

VOTED: That action on Article 55 be deferred until after Article 56.

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to make a study of the present use of parks, playgrounds and recreation areas in the Town, the functions of the Park Commissioners and the Recreation Committee with reference to the same, and the advisability of developing and improving such areas as are already owned by the Town and of acquiring other similar areas in the future; instruct said committee to make a report with its recommendations to the Town; and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said committee; on petition of Owen Webb and others; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee offered the following amendment:

MOVED: That the motion under Article 56 be amended by striking out the appropriation of $1,000.00.

Mr. Cotter offered a substitute motion to retain the $1,000.00 appropriation. He withdrew his substitute motion since the original motion contained the $1,000.00 appropriation.

When the Finance Committee's amendment was put to a vote it was defeated. The original motion was presented and

it was

VOTED: That a committee be established, to be known as the Special Park and Recreation Committee, to make a study of the present use of parks, playgrounds and recreation areas in the Town, the functions of the Park Commissioners, the Planning Board and the Recreation Committee with reference to the same, and the advisability of developing and improving such areas as are already owned by the Town and of acquiring other similar areas in the future; that said committee consist of nine members of whom one shall be designated by the Planning Board, one by the Recreation Committee and one by the School Committee, and of whom six members, one from each of the six precincts of the Town, shall be appointed by the Moderator; that said committee be instructed to report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1954 Annual Town Meeting; and that the sum of $1,000.00 be appropriated for the purposes of said committee.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to place under the supervision of the Recreation Committee the Town-owned land known as the Cricket Field, on Hillside Avenue, and the Town-owned land in River Park, off Route 128; on petition of Owen Webb and others; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Cotter offered the following substitute motion:

MOVED: That the substance of this article be referred to the Committee established under Article 56.

The chair ruled that the proponents of all articles be given an opportunity to speak first. Mr. Claxton explained the reasons for the original motion under this article. Mr. Cotter asked permission to withdraw his substitute motion and unanimous consent was given him. The Finance Committee offered the following substitute motion which was not adopted.

MOVED: That the substance of this article be referred to the Committee established under Article 56.

it was

VOTED: That the Town-owned land known as the Cricket Field, on Hillside Avenue, and the Town-owned land in River Park, off Route 128, be placed under the supervision of the Recreation Committee.

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving and maintaining the Town-owned land known as the Cricket Field, on Hillside Avenue, and the Town-owned land in River Park, off Route 128; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; on petition of Owen Webb and others; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $500.00 be appropriated for the purpose of improving and maintaining the Town-owned land known as the Cricket Field on Hillside Avenue; this to be available to cover the cost of moving loam already on the Cricket Field and for the movement of fill when and if any is made available.

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the Town-owned River Park playground. off Route 128. as recommended by the Recreation Committee; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following substitute motion offered by Mr. John Bailey carried and

it was

VOTED: That the sum of $1,900.00 be appropriated for the purpose of improving and maintaining the Town-owned River Park playground off Route 128.

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $175.00 for the instruction of aliens residing in the Town in Americanism and preparation for citizenship, as recommended by the School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $175.00 be appropriated for the instruction of aliens residing in the Town in Americanism and preparation for citizenship, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee.

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote to continue the High Rock School Building Committee, established by vote under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of January 31, 1951, for the purpose of supervising the construction of a playground on the grounds of the High Rock School; and authorize the use of the balance of the appropriation voted under Article 1 of said Special Town Meeting of January 31, 1951, for the purpose of said construction, as recommended by the School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

it was

VOTED: That Article 59 be considered after Article 71.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $6,000.00 for the improvement of the Avery School playground, said sum to supplement the bequest of the late Richard Fry, accepted by the Town by vote under Article 68 of the 1952 Annual Town Meeting for said purpose, as recommended by the School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

A lengthy discussion followed the introduction of this article. After many speakers had been heard Mr. Peairs moved the previous question, thus forcing an immediate vote on the article. Mr. Peairs' motion received a unanimous affirmative vote. Article 60 was presented and

it was

VOTED: That the sum of $6,000.00 be appropriated for the improvement of the Avery School playground, said sum to supplement the bequest of the late Richard Fry for said purpose, said additional sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee.

(this vote was later reconsidered)

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $7,000.00 for the improvement of the playgrounds at the William Mitchell and Stephen Palmer Schools, as recommended by the School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $7,000.00 be appropriated for the improvement of the playgrounds at the William Mitchell and Stephen Palmer Schools, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee.

(this article was later reconsidered)

The Finance Committee moved that Article 60 be reconsidered and it was so voted unanimously. The following amendment to the original motion was accepted.

VOTED: That the sum of $6,000.00 be transferred to this Article from the State Aid to School Construction Fund.

The Finance Committee moved that Article 61 be reconsidered and it was so voted, unanimously. The following amendment to the original motion was accepted and

it was

VOTED: That the sum of $7,000.00 be transferred, for the purposes of this Article, from the State Aid to School Construction Fund.

At 11:05 it was voted that the meeting adjourn until Monday, March 23, 1953, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,
Town Clerk.

Attest:

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 23, 1953

Pursuant to adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting held March 18, 1953, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the Junior High School on Monday, March 23, 1953, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Check lists were used and 363 voters were checked on the lists as being present. There were 210 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. A prayer was offered by Father Thomas Kennedy before the meeting was open for business.

Mr. Edward Stewart asked permission to make a statement and it was given to him. He reported on the visit he and the Moderator made to Mr. Wragg, when they presented the framed resolution and the mounted gavel, which were gifts to Mr. Wragg as a testimonial of the great esteem and affection in which he is held by the townspeople.

The Moderator then announced his appointments to certain committees.

The meeting proceeded to the discussion of the remaining articles in the Warrant.

ARTICLE 62. To see if the Town will vote to increase the walking distance to school for elementary school pupils from three-quarters of a mile to one mile, leaving the transportation of kindergarten children within these limits to the discretion of the School Committee, as recommended by the School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the walking distance to school for elementary school pupils be increased from three-quarters of a mile to one mile, but that the transportation within the above limits of kindergarten children and of those children whose routes to and from school involve unusual traffic hazards be left to the discretion of the School Committee.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

According to a previous vote Articles 30, 31, 32 and 33 were taken up at this time.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $6,270.00 for the purpose of providing sidewalks under the Betterment Act along the westerly side of Greendale Avenue from Great Plain Avenue to Grosvenor Road and along the easterly side of Great Plain Avenue from Whittier Road to Broad Meadow Road, as recommended by the Broad Meadow School Foot-Bridge Committee; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $6,270.00 be appropriated for the construction of sidewalks under the Betterment Act along the Westerly side of Greendale Avenue from Great Plain Avenue to Grosvenor Road, and along the Easterly side of Great Plain Avenue from Whittier Road to Broad Meadow Road.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the construction of a foot bridge over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad right of way, between Fairfield Street and Grosvenor Road; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of said construction; determine how such sum shall be raised, on petition of George A. Potter and others; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator; that the substance of this article, and of Articles 32 and 33, be referred to said committee for study; and that the Committee broaden its activities to include all phases of traffic safety pertaining to the Broadmeadow and the new parochial school at the corner of Great Plain and Route 128 and that said committee be directed to make a report to the Town with its recommendations at the next special or Annual Town Meeting.

Under this vote the substance of Articles 32 and 33 were also referred to said committee for study.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the acquisition by purchase or by eminent domain for the purposes of public travel between Fairfield Street and Grosvenor Road the fee in a certain parcel of land in Needham, with the trees and structures thereon, owned by Walfred R. Miller and J. William Linse, bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by Dogwood Lane 77.47 feet;
Southerly by the junction of said Dogwood Lane and Fairfield Street by a curved line having a radius of 19.17 feet, a distance of 30.85 feet;
Southwesterly by Fairfield Street 42.96 feet;
Northwesterly by land now or formerly of Mary E. Kennedy 79.04 feet;
Westerly by land now or formerly of said Mary E. Kennedy 106.17 feet;
Northerly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co. 55.15 feet; and
Easterly by Lot 2 on plan hereinafter referred to 144.48 feet.

Containing 12,140 square feet more or less as shown on a plan filed in Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 171, Plan 1108-1952; and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of said acquisition; on petition of George A. Potter, and others; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the acquisition by purchase or by eminent domain for the purposes of public travel between Fairfield Street and Grosvenor Road the fee in a certain parcel of land in Needham, with the trees and structures thereon, owned by Edward C. Roman, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly on Grosvenor Road 75.00 feet;
Easterly on Lot 10 as shown on plan hereinafter referred to; 131.00 feet;
Southerly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co. 75.28 feet;
Westerly by Lot 12 as shown on said plan 131.00 feet.

Containing 9843 square feet more or less according to plan filed at end of Book 2175 in Norfolk Registry of Deeds; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of said acquisition, on petition of George A. Potter and others; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 63. To see if the Town will vote to continue the committee established by vote under Article 77 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, and continued by vote under Article 110 of the 1952 Annual Town Meeting, to make a study of future school needs; authorize and direct said committee to continue its work as provided in said vote under Article 77 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting; appropriate a sum of money for the use of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following substitute motion offered by Mr. Andrew Bailey did not pass.

MOVED: That the Committee established by vote under Article 77 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting and continued by vote under Article 110 of the 1952 Annual Town Meeting to make a study of future school needs be continued; that said Committee be authorized and instructed to continue its work as provided in said votes and to report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1954 Annual Town Meeting; and as the top priority in the elimination of sub-standard classrooms, that said Committee make a study relative to the immediate abandonment of the Eliot School by means of an addition to the William Mitchell School or by the construction of a new school in the Eliot School area and that the said Committee make a report of its findings at the next Special or Annual Town Meeting, whichever is sooner.

Mr. Herbert Moore and Mr. Frederick Caulton were sworn as tellers. A count of hands was taken and the result — Yes 63 — No 125.
The original motion was presented and

it was

VOTED: That the Committee established by vote under Article 77 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, and continued by vote under Article 110 of the 1952 Annual Town Meeting, to make a stury of future school needs, be continued; that said Committee be authorized and directed to continue its work as provided in said vote under Article 77 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting and to report to the Town, with its recommendations, not later than the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 64. To see if the Town will vote to retain and designate for school purposes the following lots of land in the subdivision in the Town known as Highland Park, now held by the Town on tax titles:

> Lots in said subdivision numbered 43, 45 through 57 inclusive, 67, 68, 69, 75 through 79 inclusive, 82 through 95 inclusive, 98, 102 through 104 inclusive, and 107 through 109 inclusive all as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, and containing a total of 199,921 square feet; as recommended by the Future School Needs Committee;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Permission was requested and granted to discuss Articles 64 through 69 as one unit. The location of the land in question was shown by use of picture slides.

VOTED: That the Town retain and designate for school purposes the following lots of land in the subdivision in the Town known as Highland Park, now held by the Town on tax titles: Lots in said subdivision numbered 43, 45 through 57 inclusive, 67, 68, 69, 75 through 79 inclusive, 82 through 95 inclusive, 98, 102 through 104 inclusive, and 107 through 109 inclusive, all as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, and containing a total of 199,921 square feet.

ARTICLE 65. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or eminent domain for school purposes a certain tract of land in Needham, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park subdivision, so-called, owned by Ernest W. Starratt, Jr. and Howard W. Gould containing 14,320 square feet more or less, consisting of Lots 96, 97, 105 and 106 in said subdivision as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by Lots 95 and 107, owned by Town of Needham, 175 feet;

Easterly by Hobart Street, 83 feet;

Southerly by Lots 98 and 104, owned by Town of Needham, 178 feet; and

Westerly by land of Hodges Realty Trust, Willard Hodges Trustee, 80 feet.

Be all measurements more or less.

raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said acquisition as recommended by the Future School Needs Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

VOTED: That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase for school purposes the fee simple in a certain parcel of land in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park subdivision, so-called, owned by Ernest W. Starratt, Jr., and Howard W. Gould containing 14,320 square feet more or less, consisting of Lots 96, 97, 105 and 106 in said subdivision as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by Lots 95 and 107, owned by Town of Needham, 175 feet;

Easterly by Hobart Street, 83 feet;

Southerly by Lots 98 and 104, owned by Town of Needham, 178 feet; and

Westerly by land of Hodges Realty Trust, Willard Hodges Trustee, 80 feet; be all the measurements more or less

and that the sum of $716.00 be appropriated for the purpose of said purchase.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 66. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes a certain tract of land in Needham with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park subdivision, so-called, owned by Mrs. Orell R. Massie, containing 10,400 square feet more or less, consisting of Lots 80 and 81 in said subdivision, as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by the Sudbury River Aqueduct 91 feet;

Easterly by Lot 79, owned by Town of Needham, 95 feet;

Southerly by Hobart Street, 80 feet; and

Westerly by Lot 82, owned by Town of Needham, 140 feet.

Be all the measurements more or less.

raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said acquisition, as recommended by the Future School Needs Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase for school purposes the fee simple in a certain parcel of land in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park subdivision, so-called, owned by Mrs. Orell R. Massie, containing 10,400 square feet more or less, consisting of Lots 80 and 81 in said subdivision, as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by the Sudbury River Aqueduct 91 feet;
Easterly by Lot 79, owned by Town of Needham, 95 feet;
Southerly by Hobart Street, 80 feet; and
Westerly by Lot 82, owned by Town of Needham, 140 feet.
Be all the measurements more or less.

and that the sum of $520.00 be appropriated for the purpose of said acquisition.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 67. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes a certain lot of land in Needham with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park subdivision, so-called, owned by Emily A. E. Muller, containing 4,000 square feet more or less, being Lot No. 61 in said subdivision, as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by Hobart Street 40 feet;
Easterly by Lot 64, owned by Town of Needham, 100 feet;
Southerly by land of Henry S. Baldelli, 40 feet; and
Westerly by Lot 60, owned by Town of Needham, 100 feet.
Be all the measurements more or less.

raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said acquisition, as recommended by the Future School Needs Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Selectmen ,on behalf of the Town, be authorized and empowered to acquire by eminent domain for school purposes the fee simple in a certain parcel of land in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park subdivision, so-called, owned by Emily A. E. Muller, containing 4,000 square feet more or less, being Lot 61 in said subdivision, as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by Hobart Street 40 feet;
Easterly by Lot 64, owned by Town of Needham, 100 feet;
Southerly by land of Henry S. Baldelli, 40 feet; and
Westerly by Lot 60, owned by Town of Needham, 100 feet
Be all the measurements more or less.

and that the sum of $200.00 be appropriated for the purpose of said acquisition.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 68. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes a certain tract of land in Needham, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park subdivision, so-called, owned by Henry S. Baldelli, containing 12,000 square feet, more or less, being Lots 58, 59 and 62 in said subdivision, as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by Lots 57 and 60, owned by Town of Needham, 80 feet; and Lot 61, owned by Emily A. E. Muller, 40 feet;
Easterly by Lot 63, owned by Thomas Moffatt, 100 feet;
Southerly by Haven Street, 120 feet; and
Westerly by Lot 55, owned by Town of Needham, 100 feet.
Be all the measurements more or less.

raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said acquisition, as recommended by the Future School Needs Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be authorized and empowered to acquire by eminent domain for school purposes the fee simple in a certain parcel of land in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park subdivision, so-called, owned by Henry S. Baldelli, containing 12,000 square feet, more or less, being Lots 58, 59 and 62 in said subdivision, as shown on Needham Assesors' Plan No. 144, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by Lots 57 and 60. owned by Town of Needham, 80 feet; and Lot 61, owned by Emily A. E. Muller, 40 feet;
Easterly by Lot 63, owned by Thomas Moffatt, 100 feet;
Southerly by Haven Street, 120 feet; and
Westerly by Lot 55, owned by Town of Needham, 100 feet.

Be all the measurements more or less.

and that the sum of $600.00 be appropriated for the purpose of said acquisition.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 69. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes three certain parcels of land in Needham, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park subdivision, so-called, owned by Thomas Moffatt, bounded and described as follows:

First Parcel: Lots 63 and 66 as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, containing a total of 8,000 square feet more or less, bounded
Northwesterly by Lots 64 and 65, owned by Town of Needham, 80 feet;
Northeasterly by Holden Street, 100 feet
Southeasterly by Haven Street, 80 feet; and
Southwesterly by Lot 62, owned by Henry S. Baldelli, 100 feet.
Be all the measurements more or less.

Second Parcel: Lots 41, 42 and 44 as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, containing a total of 15,200 square feet more or less, bounded
Northwesterly by Hobart Street, 96 feet;
Northeasterly by Lot 43, owned by Town of Needham, 70 feet;
Northwesterly again by said Lot 43, 60 feet;
Northeasterly again by Lot 46, owned by Town of Needham, 82 feet;
Southeasterly by Haven Street, 142 feet; and
Southwesterly by Crane Street, 105 feet.
Be all measurements more or less.

Third Parcel: Lots 38, 39, 40, 100 and 101, as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, containing a total of 22,780 square feet more or less, bounded:
Northerly by Lot 98, owned by Town of Needham, 100 feet;
Northeasterly by Crane Street, 184 feet;
Southeasterly by Lot 37, owned by said Thomas Moffatt, 100 feet;
Southwesterly by land owned by Brookdale Farm, Inc. 230 feet and
Northeasterly by Lot 102, owned by Town of Needham, 40 feet.

Be all measurements more or less.

raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said acquisition as recommended by the Future School Needs Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be authorized and empowered to acquire by eminent domain for school purposes the fee simple in three certain parcels of land in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park subdivision, so-called, owned by Thomas Moffatt, said parcels having a total area of 45,980 square feet and being bounded and described as follows:

First Parcel: Lots 63 and 66, as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, containing a total of 8,000 square feet more or less, bounded

Northwesterly by Lots 64 and 65, owned by Town of Needham, 80 feet;

Northeasterly by Holden Street, 100 feet

Southeasterly by Haven Street, 80 feet; and

Southwesterly by Lot 62, owned by Henry S. Baldelli, 100 feet.

Be all the measurements more or less.

Second Parcel: Lots 41, 42 and 44 as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, containing a total of 15,200 square feet more or less, bounded

Northwesterly by Hobart Street, 96 feet;

Northeasterly by Lot 43, owned by Town of Needham, 70 feet;

Northwesterly again by said Lot 43, 60 feet;

Northeasterly again by Lot 46, owned by Town of Needham, 82 feet;

Southeasterly by Haven Street, 142 feet; and

Southwesterly by Crane Street, 105 feet.

Be all measurements more or less.

Third Parcel: Lots 38, 39, 40, 100 and 101, as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, containing a total of 22,780 square feet more or less, bounded:

Northerly by Lot 98, owned by Town of Needham, 100 feet;

Northeasterly by Crane Street, 184 feet;

Southeasterly by Lot 37, owned by said Thomas Moffatt, 100 feet;

Southwesterly by land owned by Brookside Farm, Inc. 230 feet and

Northeasterly by Lot 102, owned by Town of Needham, 40 feet.

Be all measurements more or less.

and that the sum of $3,799.00 be appropriated for the purpose of said acquisition.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 70. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes a certain parcel of land, with the trees and structures thereon located off Central Avenue in Needham, owned by Suburban Realty Trust, Domenic R. Gherin-Ghelli, Trustee, containing 3.04 acres more or less, bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by land of Revere, 238.42 feet;

Southwesterly by Dwight Road, 472.70 feet;

Northwesterly by land of Babson Institute, 130 feet;

Northerly by land of Babson Institute, 415.37 feet; and

Northeasterly by land of Beckonert, 213.58 feet.

Be all measurements more or less.

raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $5,000.00 for the purposes of said acquisition, as recommended by the Future School Needs Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

There was considerable discussion regarding the purchase of this land in connection with the Dwight School. Mr. Imrie showed picture slides of this land. Before putting the Article to a vote the Moderator explained that a two-thirds vote would be required. A count of hands was taken, with the result — Yes 110 — No 77. As this was not the required two-thirds vote the article did not pass.

MOVED: That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase for school purposes the fee simple in a certain parcel of land in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, with the trees and structures thereon, located off Central Avenue, owned by Suburban Realty Trust, Domenic R. Gherin-Ghelli, Trustee, containing 3.04 acres more or less, bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by land of Revere, 238.42 feet;
Southwesterly by Dwight Road, 472.70 feet;
Northwesterly by land of Babson Institute, 130 feet;
Northerly by land of Babson Institute, 415.37 feet; and
Northeasterly by land of Beckonert, 213.58 feet.
Be all measurements more or less.

and that the sum of $5,000.00 be appropriated for the purpose of said acquisition.

ARTICLE 71. To see if the Town will vote to continue the High Rock School Building Committee, established by vote under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of January 31, 1951, for the purpose of obtaining working drawings and specifications for the construction of a two-story eight-classroom addition to the High Rock School as originally planned for the expansion of said school; and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the above purposes, as recommended by the Future School Needs Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the High Rock School Building Committee, established by vote under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of January 31, 1951, be continued for the purpose of obtaining working drawings and specifications for the construction of an addition to the High Rock School as originally planned for the expansion of said school; that the sum of $10,000.00 be raised and appropriated for said purposes as follows; from the current tax levy the sum of $9116.15, and by transfer from the unexpended balance of the appropriation under Article 60 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting the sum of $883.85; and that said committee be instructed to make a report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 59 was taken up at this time.

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote to continue the High Rock School Building Committee, established by vote under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of January 31, 1951, for purpose of supervising the construction of a playground on the grounds of the High Rock School; and authorize the use of the balance of the appropriation voted under Article 1 of said Special Town Meeting of January 31, 1951, for the purpose of said construction, as recommended by the School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the High Rock School Building Committee, established by vote under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of January 31, 1951, be continued for the purpose of supervising the construction of a play-

ground on the grounds of the High Rock School; and that the sum of $10,500.00 be transferred from the unexpended balance of the appropriation voted under Article 1 of said Special Town Meeting of January 31, 1951, and made available to said Committee for the purpose of the construction of said playground.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 72. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to study and report on the advisability of constructing a Fire Department sub-station in the Broad Meadow Road section of the Town; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That a committee be established, to consist of three members, one member to be chosen by the Selectmen, one member to be chosen by the Planning Board and one member to be chosen by the Finance Committee; that this committee be authorized and instructed to make a study of the advisability of constructing a Fire Department sub-station in the Broad Meadow section of the Town and to report with its recommendations to the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 73. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to study and report on the advisability of naming and marking historical spots within the Town; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That a committee be established to study the advisability of naming and marking historical spots within the Town; that said committee consist of three members to be appointed by the Selectmen; and that said committee be instructed to make a report with its recommendations to the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 74. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to study the hours of labor and working conditions of employees in all the various Town Departments; to instruct said committee to report to the Town with its recommendations as to desirable action to effect uniformity of hours and working conditions; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the substance of this article be referred to the Salary and Wage committee for study and report to the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 75. To see if the Town will vote to establish a War Memorial Committee; to transfer the unexpended balance of $4,200.00 now in the War Salvage Fund to said committee; to authorize said committee on behalf of the Town to receive funds raised by public subscription and to use the funds so raised and the sum so transferred for the construction of a Memorial to the memory of Needham citizens of World War I, World War II and the Korean War, who have died in the service of their country; to transfer to the custody and supervision of the Trustees of Memorial Park, and to make a part of Memorial Park, subject to its release by the School Committee, so much of the land in front of the Senior High School as, in the judgment of said committee, is required as a site for said Memorial; all as recommended by the committee established by vote under Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting of June 9, 1952; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Stewart Johnston presented the following motion.

MOVED: That the Town authorize the construction of a Memorial to the memory of those Needham citizens who have died in the service of their country in World War I, World War II and the Korean War, said Memorial to be substantially in the form recommended by the Committee established under Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting of June 9, 1952; that a War Memorial Committee be and the same is hereby established, to consist of five persons, who shall be the same persons appointed under said Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting of June 9, 1952; that vacancies which may occur in the membership of said Committee shall be filled by persons appointed by the Moderator; that so much of the land in front of the present High School Building as said Committee shall in a writing filed with the Town Clerk designate as being necessary for the purpose and the School Committee shall release for said purpose, shall be used as the site for said Memorial; that the unexpended balance of $4,200.00 in the War Salvage Fund be transferred to the Committee for the purposes hereof; that the Town Treasurer be authorized, on behalf of the Town, to receive and accept such gifts as shall be made to the Town to assist in defraying the cost of such Memorial and to set them aside in a special fund; that when the total of such gifts shall reach $32,000.00 and the site for said Memorial shall have been designated and released as herein provided, the Town Treasurer be authorized and instructed to make said gifts available to said Committee and said Committee be authorized to proceed with and supervise the construction of said Memorial and to use said total gifts and the amount so transferred for said purpose; and that upon the completion of said Memorial the same shall be transferred to the custody and control of the Trustees of Memorial Park and thereafter shall be deemed for all purposes to be a part of Memorial Park.

A discussion followed as to the desirability of this type of a memorial as against a "living memorial". Senator Cutler offered the following substitute motion.

MOVED: That the question of a War Memorial be reconsidered by the Special Committee established in 1952 and that said Committee is hereby requested to report on the cost of College Scholarships for graduates of Needham High School.

Mr. Crabtree offered a substitute motion as follows:

MOVED: That the War Memorial Committee established under Article 11 of the June 9, 1952 Town Meeting be continued for the purpose of studying various ways of developing a living memorial; that vacancies on said committee be filled by the Moderator; and that said Committee report with its recommendations to any special or regular Town Meeting not later than the regular meeting of 1954.

Senator Cutler asked for and received unanimous consent to withdraw her motion.

it was

VOTED: That the War Memorial Committee established under Article 11 of the June 9, 1952 Town Meeting be continued for the purpose of studying various ways of developing a living memorial; that vacancies on said committee be filled by the Moderator; and that said Committee report with its recommendations to any special or regular Town Meeting not later than the regular meeting of 1954.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 76. To see if the Town will vote to have printed the reports of its officers and committees for 1953, the proceedings of this and subsequent Meetings in 1953, and the Assessors' valuation list for 1953; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That not exceeding 6000 copies of the reports of Town Officers and Departments for 1953 be printed; that one copy of the consolidation of these reports be delivered to each dwelling house in the Town; that not exceeding 500 copies of the proceedings of this and subsequent Town Metings in 1953 and of the Assessors' valuation list for 1953 be printed, the same to be distributed as the Selectmen shall determine; and that the preparation, printing and distribution of all said reports and of said list be under the supervision of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 77. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Articles, especially to act upon all appropriations asked for, or proposed by, the Selectmen, or any Town officer or committee; to appoint such committees as may be decided upon; and to take action upon any other matters which may properly come before the meeting.

VOTED: That the committee established under Article 60 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting to study the proposal for the formation of a Union Health Department for Needham in cooperation with other towns be continued for further study; and that said committee be instructed to make a further report, with its recommendations, to the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Shepherd presented the following resolution which was passed.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the lack of proper physical facilities renders the postal service in the town of Needham inadequate; and

WHEREAS the rapid and continued growth of this community makes better physical facilities for postal service essential to the welfare of the citizens of this town; and

WHEREAS a larger, more centrally located and single post-office would tend toward better and more efficient postal service in the town;
NOW THEREFORE be it

RESOLVED: That this Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Needham records itself in favor of urging the United States Post-Office Department to acquire for the United States Government a suitable site for a post-office building between the Needham Square and Needham Heights Square districts of the town and construct thereon a post-office building and consolidate in such building all postal service for the town; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Representative in Congress from the Thirteenth Congressional District, to the two United States Senators from Massachusetts and to the Postmaster-General of the United States.

Mr. Shepherd also presented the following motion and

it was

VOTED: A motion that the Town Moderator of Needham appoint a committee of five persons to carry on the aims of the previous committee for improving the postal facilities for the Town of Needham.

Mr. Frykberg presented the following resolution.

RESOLVED: That this Town Meeting is opposed to the locating of the so-called East-West super-highway in or through the boundaries of the Town of Needham.

And be it further resolved that the Town Clerk is hereby notified to instruct our Senator, Representatives and Selectmen to take whatever steps are within their power to prevent any further loss of taxable property and to prevent any further division of the Town of Needham, such as would follow any additional locating of super-highways, by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or its agents, within the boundaries of the Town of Needham.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Senator Cutler presented the following motion which was not carried.

MOVED: That a committee be established, to consist of seven members to be appointed by the Moderator, to make a study of the advisability of placing under the Civil Service the employees of the Town's Department of Public Works, the members of the Town's Fire Department and the custodians of the Town's school buildings; and that said committee be directed to make a report to the Town, with its recommendations, not later than the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Andrew Bailey presented the final motion of the evening and

it was

VOTED: That a committee of five be established to study the feasibility of the sale of any land now owned by the Town, considering future town uses of all such lands, and that said Committee, in connection with the future use of Town owned lands for parks, playgrounds and recreation areas, be directed to consult with the Committee appointed under Article 56 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; that the Committee make a report of its recommendations to the next Annual Town Meeting and that said Committee be appointed as follows:

1 member appointed by the Selectmen
1 member appointed by the Planning Board
1 member appointed by the Recreation Committee
1 member appointed by the Future School Needs Committee
1 member appointed by the Town Moderator.

The Moderator expressed his appreciation of the cooperation that he had received from the Town Meeting Members and declared the meeting dissolved at 10:45 o'clock P.M.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,
Town Clerk.

Attest:

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

RECORD OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 15, 1953

NEEDHAM TIMES

1953

RECORD OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 15, 1953

Pursuant to a warrant signed by the Selectmen on May 26, 1953, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, met in the Junior High School in said Town on June 15, 1953 at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 323 voters were checked on the list as being present. There were 207 Town Meeting members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold Putnam. The Reverend Herbert R. Smith was called upon to offer a prayer. The call to the meeting and the officer's return were then read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will choose and appoint one or more additional public weighers. (As recommended by the Selectmen).

VOTED: That Domenic Nigro be elected a public weigher.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $1,500.00 for Fire Alarm Equipment and Maintenance, the same to be added to the appropriation for the same purpose voted under Article 22 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from The Excess and Deficiency Account or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the Selectmen).

VOTED: That the sum of $1,500.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for Fire Alarm Equipment and Maintenance, the same to be added to the appropriation for the same purpose voted under Article 22 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $2,200.00 for repairs to the Fire and Police building; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from The Excess and Deficiency Account or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the Selectmen).

VOTED: That the sum of $2,200.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for repairs to the Fire and Police buildings, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $4,800.00 for the installation of a drain from Grosvenor Road to Broad Meadow Road; determine how such sum shall be raised whether by transfer from The Excess and Deficiency Account or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the Selectmen).

VOTED: That the sum of $4,800.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the completion of the installation of a drain from Grosvenor Road to Broad Meadow Road, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Public Works Department.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $2,000.00 for Insurance, the same to be added to the appropriation for the same purpose voted under Article 22 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the Selectmen).

VOTED: That the sum of $2,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for Insurance, the same to be added to the appropriation for the same purpose voted under Article 22 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the construction of an addition to the present High Rock School building and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said addition; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by a transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account or from other available funds or by borrowing, or both, and if in any part by borrowing whether under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, or under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended by Chapter 528 of the Acts of 1950 and any other acts amending the same, or both; and how said sum shall be expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Chapman and Mr. Moore were sworn as tellers, as a two-thirds vote was necessary on this article.

VOTED: That the Town authorize the construction of an addition to the present High Rock School building and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said addition, in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee established by vote under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of January 31, 1951, and continued by vote under Article 71 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; that the sum of $222,800.00 be raised and appropriated for said construction, including necessary plans, specifications, working drawings and architects' fees, and for original equipment and furnishings; that the sum of $12,800.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purposes, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to borrow the balance of $210,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in not more than twenty years, under the authority of and in accordance with Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended by Chapter 528 of the Acts of 1950 and any other acts amending the same.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee, or to constitute the present committee of nine members established under Article 71 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting as a school building committee; authorize and direct said committee to supervise the construction and the original equipping and furnishing of the addition to the High Rock building referred to in Article 6 of this Warrant; authorize said committee to contract for and in the name of the Town and to do all other acts and things necessary for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes; authorize and direct said committee to take any action necessary to obtain for the Town partial reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the cost of constructing said addition and originally equipping and furnishing the same, under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, or any other applicable statutes; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following substitute motion by Gordon B. Winslow was not carried.

MOVED: That the present committee of nine members, established under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of January 31, 1951, and continued under Article 71 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting, be constituted a school building committee; that said committee be authorized and directed to supervise the construction and original equipping and furnishing of an addition to the present High Rock School building referred to in Article 6 of this Warrant; that said committee be authorized to contract for in the name of the Town and to do all other acts and things necessary for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes; that said committee be authorized and directed to take all action necessary under Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended to obtain approval of said addition and of the original equipping and furnishing of same from the School Building Assistance Commission of the Commonwealth and to obtain approval of the Emergency Finance Board of the Commonwealth of the necessary borrowing for the same, but that said committee and the Town Treasurer be instructed not to apply for nor accept any payments from the Commonwealth by way of reimbursement under the provisions of said Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended.

It was

VOTED: That the present committee of nine members, established under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of January 31, 1951, and continued under Article 71 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting, be constituted a school building committee; that said committee be authorized and directed to supervise the construction and original equipping and furnishing of an addition to the present High Rock School building referred to in Article 6 of this Warrant; that said committee be authorized to contract for and in the name of the Town and to do all other acts and things necessary for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes; that said committee be authorized and directed to take all action necessary under Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended to obtain approval of said addition and of the original equipping and furnishing of same from the School Building Assistance Commission of the Commonwealth, to obtain approval of the Emergency Finance Board of the Commonwealth of the necessary borrowing for the same and to obtain for the Town partial reimbursement from the Commonwealth for the cost of constructing said addition and originally equipping and furnishing the same, under the provisions of said Chapter 645 as amended, and any other applicable statutes.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept such gifts of money as shall in the future be made to Glover Memorial Hospital for equipment or otherwise; authorize the Town Treasurer to receive said gifts, set them aside and make them available to the Trustees of Glover Memorial Hospital when requested by them for use for the purposes for which said gifts shall have been made; or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the Selectmen).

VOTED: That the Town establish a trust fund, to be known as "Glover Memorial Hospital Permanent Donation Fund;" that the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized on behalf of the Town to accept such unrestricted gifts and bequests of money as may in the future be made to Glover Memorial Hospital; that he be instructed to place such gifts and bequests in said trust fund; that said fund be invested as directed by the Town's Commissioners of Trust Funds; and that the principal and/or the income of said trust fund be made available for the purchase of equipment, for use as a free bed fund or for such other purposes as are not generally considered regular operating expenses of Glover Memorial Hospital whenever and to the extent that the same may be requested in writing, after proper vote, by the Trustees of Glover Memorial Hospital.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to make a study of the proposal for town collection of rubbish; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of such committee; or take any other action relative thereto. (On petition of William H. Ganick and others).

VOTED: That a committee be established, to consist of five members to be appointed by the Moderator; that said committee be instructed to make a study of the need for and the desirability of the collection of rubbish from houses and other buildings by the Town; that said committee be instructed to make a report to the Town, with its recommendations, prior to January 1, 1954; and that said report be incorporated in the printed report of the Finance Committee to the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the improvement of the drainage and water control in the Webster Street, Central Avenue and Hillside Avenue area of the Town, through which Hurd Brook runs; to authorize the appointment of a committee to make a study of the problems involved; to authorize the preparation of an engineering survey; to authorize the installation of drainage pipes in the area; to raise and appropriate a sum of money for any or all of the foregoing purposes; to determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from The Excess and Deficiency Account, or from other available funds, or by borrowing, or both; to direct the proper officials of the Town to petition the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for approval of the proposed work and the appropriation of funds therefor, as provided in General Laws, Chapter 91, as amended; or take any other action relative thereto. (On petition of Ann Bacchiochi and others).

The following Substitute Motion by the Selectmen carried, and it was

VOTED: That the substance of this article be referred to the Town's Department of Public Works for study; that said Department be instructed to make a report to the Town, with its recommendations, prior to January 1, 1954; and that said report be incorporated in the printed report of the Finance Committee to the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will rescind its vote under Article 66 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting, by which it appropriated $520.00 for the purchase of Lots 80 and 81 in the Highland Park subdivision of the Town, consisting of 10,400 square feet, owned by Orell R. Massie; determine the disposition of the appropriation voted under said Article; or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the Selectmen).

VOTED: That the vote of the Town Meeting under Article 66 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting be rescinded and that the unexpended balance of the appropriation under said vote, amounting to $520.00 be transferred to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by eminent domain for school purposes a certain tract of land in Needham, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park sub-division so-called, owned by the heirs of James A. Massie, containing (10,400) ten thousand four hundred square feet more or less, consisting of Lots 80 and 81 in said subdivision, as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by the Sudbury River Aqueduct ninety-one (91) feet;

Easterly by Lot 79, owned by Town of Needham, ninety-five (95) feet;

Southerly by Hobart Street, eighty (80) feet; and

Westerly by Lot 82, owned by Town of Needham, one hundred forty (140) feet.

Be all the measurements more or less.

raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of said acquisition; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from The Excess and Deficiency Account or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the Selectmen).

VOTED: That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be authorized and empowered to acquire by eminent domain for school purposes the fee simple in a certain parcel of land in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park sub-division so-called, owned by the heirs of James A. Massie, containing 10,400 square feet more or less, consisting of Lots 80 and 81 in said subdivision, as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144 and on plan of land in Needham recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Plan Book 17 Plan 795, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by the Sudbury River Aqueduct ninety-one (91) feet;
Easterly by Lot 79, owned by Town of Needham, ninety-five (95) feet;
Southerly by Hobart Street, eighty (80) feet; and
Westerly by Lot 82, owned by Town of Needham, one hundred forty (140) feet.
Be all measurements more or less.

and that the sum of $520.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the purpose of said acquisition.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes a certain parcel of land, with the trees and structures thereon, located off Central Avenue in Needham, owned by Suburban Realty Trust, Domenic R. Gherin-Ghelli, Trustee, containing three and three-one-hundredths (3.03) acres more or less, bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by land of Revere, 238.42 feet;
Southwesterly by Dwight Road, 472.70 feet;
Northwesterly by land of Babson Institute, 130 feet;
Northerly by land of Babson Institute, 415.37 feet; and
Northeasterly by land of Beckonert, 213.58 feet.
Be all measurements more or less.

raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said acquisition; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from The Excess and Deficiency Account or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the School Committee).

The following Substitute Motion by the Finance Committee did not carry.

MOVED: That the substance of this article be referred to the committee established by the vote under Article 56 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting for consideration and a report, with the committee's recommendations, to the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

A count of hands was taken and the result was Yes 74 No 109.

It was

VOTED: That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be authorized and empowered to acquire by eminent domain for school purposes the fee simple in a certain parcel of land in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, with the trees and structures thereon, located off Central Avenue in Needham, owned by Suburban Realty Trust, Domenic R. Gherin-Ghelli, Trustee, containing 3.03 acres more or less, bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by land of Revere, 238.42 feet;
Southwesterly by Dwight Road, 472.70 feet;
Northwesterly by land of Babson Institute, 130 feet;
Northerly by land of Babson Institute, 415.37 feet; and
Northeasterly by land of Beckonert, 213.58 feet.
Be all measurements more or less.

and that the sum of $5,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the purposes of said acquisition.

Yes 136 No 55

Mr. Woodbury moved that Article 17 to taken up at this time.

A show of hands gave more than the necessary 2/3 vote, and Article 17 was presented at this time.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a manufacturing district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by land now owned by New England Industrial Center;
Westerly by land now owned by New England Industrial Center;
Southerly by Kendrick Street; and
Easterly by City of Newton water land.

or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Zoning Map of the Town be amended by changing from a single residence district to a manufacturing district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by land now owned by New England Industrial Center;
Westerly by land now owned by New England Industrial Center;
Southerly by Kendrick Street; and
Easterly by City of Newton water land.

Yes 205 No 2

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a manufacturing district, the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northwesterly side of the land of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad approximately 310 feet from Webster Street; thence running in a general northwesterly direction on a line 300 feet from and parallel to Webster Street to a point 300 feet southeasterly from Elder Road; thence turning and running in a northeasterly and northerly direction in part by a curved line, said line being 300 feet from Elder Road to a point 600 feet from the intersection of the southeasterly side line of Central Avenue with the southwesterly side line of Noanett Road; thence running northeasterly to the intersection of the southeasterly side line of Beech Street with the northeast side line of Gould Street; thence running northeasterly along the southeasterly side line of Beech Street to Hampton Avenue; thence southeasterly along Hampton Avenue to the present manufacturing district at Kearney Road and thence running westerly along Kearney Road and the present manufacturing district to a point at the intersection of Kearney Road and Gould Street; thence running southerly and southeasterly along Gould Street and the present manufacturing district to the land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad; thence running southwesterly along the land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad to the point of beginning.

or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the Planning Board).

The Planning Board presented their reasons for thinking that in Long Range Planning this rezoning would be beneficial to the Town. An extended discussion followed. When put to a vote the motion was not carried.

MOVED: That the Zoning Map of the Town be amended by changing from a single residence district to a manufacturing district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

> Beginning at a point on the northwesterly side of the land of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad approximately 310 feet from Webster Street; thence running in a general northwesterly direction on a line 300 feet from and parallel to Webster Street to a point 300 feet southeasterly from Elder Road; thence turning and running in a northeasterly and northerly direction in part by a curved line, said line being 300 feet from Elder Road to a point 600 feet from the intersection of the southeasterly side line of Central Avenue with the southwesterly side line of Noanett Road; thence running northeasterly to the intersection of the southeasterly side line of Beech Street with the northeast side line of Gould Street; thence running northeasterly along the southeasterly side line of Beech Street to Hampton Avenue; thence southeasterly along Hampton Avenue to the present manufacturing district at Kearney Road and thence running westerly along Kearney Road and the present manufacturing district to a point at the intersection of Kearney Road and Gould Street; thence running southerly and southeasterly along Gould Street and the present manufacturing district to the land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad; thence running southwesterly along the land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad to the point of beginning.

Mr. Andrew Bailey was sworn as a teller to replace Mr. Chapman.

A count of hands showed Yes 8 No 194

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence and general residence district to a business district, the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

> Beginning at a point of intersection of the present general residence and business district located on the northwesterly side line of Highland Avenue, said point being approximately 1,200 feet easterly from Cross Street, thence running southwesterly to the southwesterly side line of Cross Street; thence running in a generally northwesterly direction approximately 250 feet to Putnam Street; thence turning and running in a general northeasterly direction along Putnam Street approximately 250 feet; thence running, still in a northeasterly direction, approximately 950 feet to the intersection of the present manufacturing and business districts which is located 200 feet from Highland Avenue; thence turning and running in a southeasterly direction approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the Planning Board).

A discussion followed as to the possible merits of this re-zoning. Mr. Kelly, a non-resident of Needham, was given permission by the Town Meeting Members to speak as an attorney for Mr. Muzi.

The following substitute motion offered by Mr. Arthur Godfrey did not carry.

MOVED: That the Zoning Map of the Town be amended by changing from a single residence and general residence district to a business district, the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point of intersection of the present general residence and business district located on the Northwesterly side line of Highland Avenue, said point being approximately twelve hundred (1200) feet Easterly from Cross Street;

Thence running Southwesterly to a point of said side line of Highland Avenue about seven hundred twenty (720) feet;

Thence turning and running in a general Northwesterly direction at a right angle with Highland Avenue a distance of two hundred fifty (250) feet;

Thence turning and running in a Northeasterly direction approximately seven hundred twenty (720) feet to the intersection of the present manufacturing and business districts which is located two hundred (200) feet from Highland Avenue;

Thence turning and running in a Southeasterly direction approximately two hundred (200) feet to the point of beginning.

Yes 85 No 87

The original motion, which was then presented, was also defeated.

MOVED: That the Zoning Map of the Town be amended by changing from a single residence and general residence district to a business district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point of intersection of the present general residence and business district located on the northwesterly side line of Highland Avenue, said point being approximately 1,200 feet easterly from Cross Street, thence running southwesterly to the southwesterly side line of Cross Street; thence running in a generally northwesterly direction approximately 250 feet to Putnam Street; thence turning and running in a general northeasterly direction along Putnam Street approximately 250 feet; thence running, still in a northeasterly direction, approximately 950 feet to the intersection of the present manufacturing and business districts which is located 200 feet from Highland Avenue; thence turning and running in a southeasterly direction approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Yes 42 No 137

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district and a business district to a manufacturing district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the southeasterly side of Putnam Street with southwesterly side of Cross Street; thence running northwesterly along the line of the present manufacturing district to the land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad; thence running northeasterly along the land of the railroad to the line of the present manufacturing district; thence southerly along the line of the present manufacturing district to its intersection with the line of the present business district which is located 200 feet from Highland Avenue; thence running to the point of beginning.

or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the Planning Board).

The Planning Board asked unanimous consent to withdraw Article 16. There being no objection, Article 16 was withdrawn.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 20A of its Zoning By-Law by striking out the present sub-paragraph (i) thereof and by inserting a new sub-paragraph in place thereof as follows:

(i) On the northerly side of Kendrick Street from Reservoir Street to the land now owned by City of Newton, there shall be a fifty-foot building setback line.

or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the Planning Board).

VOTED: That Section 20A of the Zoning By-Law of the Town be amended by striking out the present sub-paragraph (i) thereof and by inserting a new sub-paragraph in place thereof as follows:

(i) On the northerly side of Kendrick Street from Reservoir Street to the land now owned by City of Newton, there shall be a fifty-foot building setback line.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 20A of its Zoning By-Law by adding thereto a new sub-paragraph (j) reading as follows:

(j) On the northwesterly side of Highland Avenue between Cross Street and a point 1,200 feet, more or less, northeasterly thereof, there shall be a twenty foot building set-back line.

or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the Planning Board).

The Planning Board asked unanimous consent to withdraw Article 19, which consent was given and Article 19 was withdrawn.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 23A of its Zoning By-Law by striking out the words "or 23" from line 3 and by removing the words "either of", the final "s" of "Sections", and the word "or", all on line 7, and the number "23" on line 8, so that said Section 23A will read as follows:

Section 23A. Recommendations of Planning Board. No final action shall be taken by the Board of Appeals on any application filed under Section 22 hereof until the Planning Board shall have submitted to the Board of Appeals a report with its recommendations relative thereto as provided by General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81-I, as amended, or until the expiration of twenty-one days from the date of notice to the Planning Board of the filing of an application for a permit under said Section 22, without submission of such a report.

or take any other action relative thereto. (As recommended by the Planning Board).

VOTED: That Section 23A of the Zoning By-Law of the Town be amended by striking out the words "or 23" from line 3 and by removing the words "either of", the final "s" of "Sections," and the word "or", all on Line 7, and the number "23" on line 8, so that said Section 23A will read as follows:

Section 23A. Recommendations of Planning Board. No final action shall be taken by the Board of Appeals on any application filed under Section 22 hereof until the Planning Board shall have submitted to the Board of Appeals a report with its recommendations relative thereto as provided by General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81-I, as amended, or until the expiration of twenty-one days from the date of notice to the Planning Board of the filing of an application for a permit under said Section 22, without submission of such a report.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 28 of its Zoning By-Law by striking out the words "or 23" from line 5 of the second paragraph thereof, so that said second paragraph will read as follows:

> Any person desiring to make any use of his property which is not consistent with the Zoning By-Laws and which does not require the issuance of a permit by the Building Inspector in the first instance, or any person seeking a special permit for the use of the property for any of the purposes designated in Section 22 of the Zoning By-Laws, shall make written application directly to the Board of Appeals established under Article IX of the General By-Laws for the granting of a variance or special permit to allow the use desired. Said Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on such application and shall give notice thereof in the same manner as is required for appeals in general.

or take any other action relative thereto. (On recommendation of the Planning Board).

VOTED: That Section 28 of the Zoning B-Law of the Town be amended by striking out the words "or 23" from line 5 of the second paragraph thereof, so that said paragraph will read as follows:

> Any person desiring to make any use of his property which is not consistent with the Zoning By-Laws and which does not require the issuance of a permit by the Building Inspector in the first instance, or any person seeking a special permit for the use of the property for any of the purposes designated in Section 22 of the Zoning By-Laws, shall make written application directly to the Board of Appeals established under Article IX of the General By-Laws for the granting of a variance or special permit to allow the use desired. Said Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on such application and shall give notice thereof in the same manner as is required for appeals in general.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Moderator declared the Special Town Meeting dissolved at 10:31 p.m. June 15, 1953.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,
Town Clerk

Attest:

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

OF THE

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 30, 1953

RECORD OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, November 30, 1953

Pursuant to a warrant signed by the Selectmen on November 19, 1953, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs met in the Junior High School in said Town on November 30, 1953 at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 410 voters were checked on the list as being present. There were 220 Town Meeting members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold Putnam. The Reverend Donald B. Morris was called upon to offer a prayer. The call to the meeting and the officer's return were then read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a business district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows and shown on a plan dated October 15, 1953:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the present single residence and business districts located on the south side of land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co.; and

Thence running southerly and easterly along the present line of said business district 339.66 feet;

Thence turning and running southerly along a continuation of the present line of said business district 278.00 feet;

Thence turning and running easterly along the present line of said business district 161.82 feet and 116.84 feet to land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

Thence turning and running southerly and westerly along said land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 201.46 feet to the northerly side of Highland Avenue (as relocated in connection with the taking for highway purposes by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1953);

Thence following along the northerly side of said Highland Avenue in a westerly and slightly southerly direction 367.60 feet to a curve at the intersection of the new so-called "Access" Road as shown on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' highway lay-out of 1953;

Thence following the curve of said "Access" Road northerly and westerly 41.11 feet;

Thence following by a curved line along the easterly side of said "Access" Road in a northerly direction 491 feet more or less, and 324.30 feet to the land of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co.;

Thence turning and running easterly slightly northerly 33 feet more or less along the southerly line of land of said New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co. to the point of beginning.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Various arguments for and against this contemplated change in the zoning by-law were presented to the Town Meeting Members by Mr. Godfrey, for the Selectmen; Mr. Chapman, for the Planning Board; Mr. Dolan, as attorney for Mr. Muzi; Mr. Small; Mr. Loker, as attorney for Mr. Coppinger; Mr. Peairs; Mr. Shepherd; and Mr. Phelan, as attorney for certain property owners in the vicinity.

When put to a vote the Moderator called for a showing of hands. Mr. Gorham W. Humphrey and Mr. Arthur T. Henderson were sworn in as tellers. The result was — Yes 109 No 111.

A roll call was requested by Mr. Gordon B. Winslow. More than seven Town Meeting Members rising in favor, a roll call was taken. The result was — Yes 107 No 103.

As a two-thirds affirmative vote was necessary, the motion did not prevail.

MOVED: That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing from a single residence district to a business district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the present single residence and business districts located on the south side of land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co., and

Thence running southerly and easterly along the present line of said business district 339.66 feet;

Thence turning and running southerly along a continuation of the present line of said business district 278.00 feet;

Thence turning and running easterly along the present line of said business district 161.82 feet and 116.84 feet to land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

Thence turning and running southerly and westerly along said land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 201.46 feet to the northerly side of Highland Avenue (as relocated in connection with the taking for highway purposes by the Commonweath of Massachusetts in 1953);

Thence following along the northerly side of said Highland Avenue in a westerly and slightly southerly direction 367.60 feet to a curve at the intersection of the new so-called "Access" Road as shown on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' highway lay-out of 1953;

Thence following the curve of said "Access" Road northerly and westerly 41.11 feet;

Thence following by a curved line along the easterly side of said "Access" Road in a northerly direction 491 feet more or less, and 324.30 feet to the land of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co.;

Thence turning and running easterly slightly northerly 33 feet more or less along the southerly line of land of said New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co. to the point of beginning.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a business district the land in Needham bounded on the southeasterly side by Highland Avenue, on the northeasterly side by the new so-called "Access road" as shown on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts highway layout of 1953, on the northwesterly side by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co. land, and on the southwesterly side by Cross Street; or take any other action relative thereto. (On petition of Edgar M. Callahan and 107 other registered voters.)

VOTED: That this article be dismissed.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $2,500.00 for the construction of particular sewers and connecting drains to buildings, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account or from other available funds, or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $2,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the construction of particular sewers and connecting drains to buildings, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; and that said sum be raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $12,500.00 for water main construction and the extension of services to houses; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account or from other available funds, or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $12,500.00 be raised and appropriated for water main construction and the extension of services to houses; and that said sum be raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $22,500.00 for salaries, supplies and equipment for Glover Memorial Hospital during the first three months of the year 1954, said sum to be in addition to the amount otherwise legally expendable for such purposes during said months under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 13; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the tax levy in the year 1954 or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $22,446.56 be raised and appropriated for the expenses of Glover Memorial Hospital during the first three months of 1954, said sum to be in addition to the amount otherwise legally expendable for such purposes during said months under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 13; that said appropriation be allocated as follows:

Salaries	$ 9,777.56
Building Maintenance	939.00
Supplies and Equipment	4,397.00
Expenses and Services	434.00
X-ray and Laboratory	975.00
Capital Outlay	5,924.00
TOTAL	$22,446.56

and that said appropriation be raised from the tax levy in the year 1954.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $5,000.00 for the use of the Department of Public Welfare for the purposes of Old Age Assistance, said sum to be in addition to the amount appropriated for the same purpose by the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the unexpended balances of appropriations made by said 1953 Annual Town Meeting for Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief or from other available funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of $5,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the use of the Department of Public Welfare for the purposes of Old Age Assistance, said sum to be in addition to the amount appropriated for the same purpose by the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; and that said sum be raised by a transfer of $3.000.00 from the unexpended balance of the appropriation made by the 1953 Annual Town Meeting for General Relief, and by a transfer of $2.000.00 from the unexpended balance of the appropriation made by the 1953 Annual Town Meeting for Aid to Dependent Children.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Moderator declared the Special Town Meeting dissolved at 10:22 p.m. November 30, 1953.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,
Town Clerk.

Attest: